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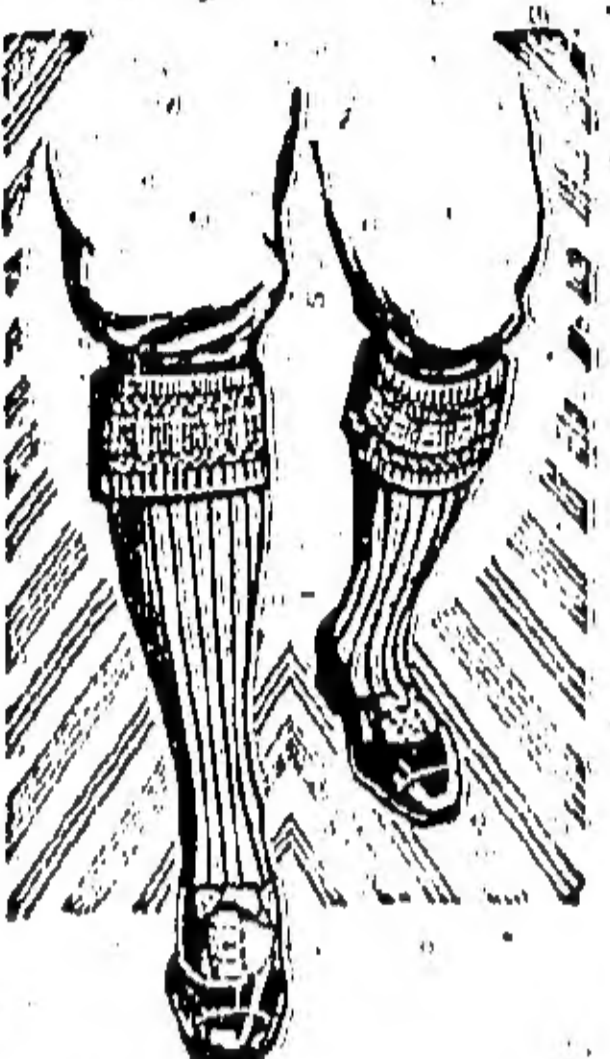
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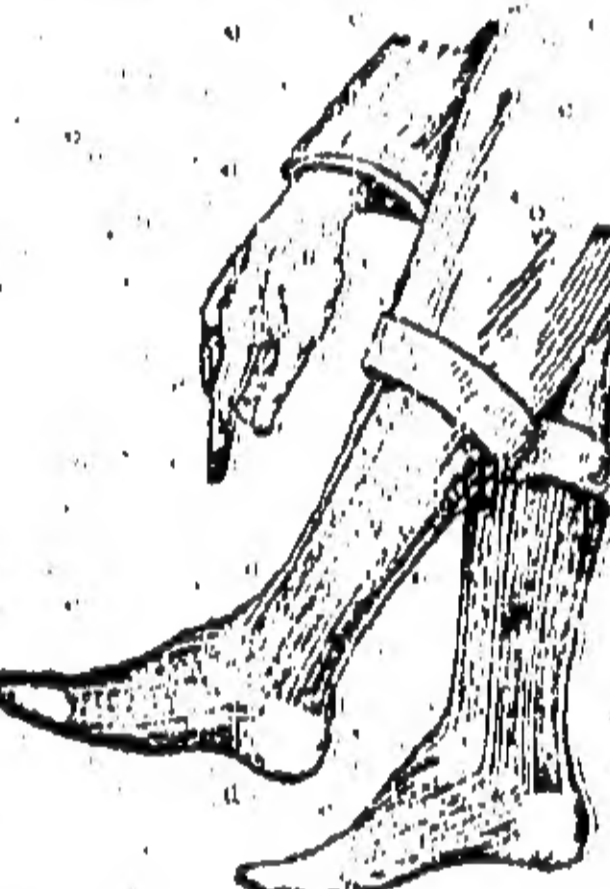


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"Stephens" Building, that solid structure which has provided temporary accommodation for the Central Fire Brigade, in Des Voeux Road Central, has been sold to Mr. David, head of Messrs. S. J. David and Co., the "China Mail" learns.

This building is, of course, part of the estate of the late Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, who practised as a solicitor in Hongkong for many years, and acquired many valuable lots by his keen foresight. It was only completed a few years ago.

It will be recalled that Messrs. Deacons, the local legal firm, recently advertised for sale by private treaty, a long list of Hongkong properties, which belonged to the late Mr. Stephens' estate.

The "China Mail" is informed on the best authority that the whole lot is anticipated to fetch over \$5,000,000.

To date, a number of lots have been sold to the total value of nearly a million and three quarters dollars—\$1,719,200 to be precise. The properties disposed of for this sum are:—

"Stephens" Buildings, 9,200 square feet.

Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 35, 37a, 37b, 38, 38a, 39, and 40, Cornhill Road Central (This means that all the Cornhill Road property owned by the estate has been sold excepting three houses, viz., Nos. 21, 22 and 23.)

[Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., are slated to have become the owners of the four houses hitherto occupied by their aerated water town office, comprising department, etc. along the waterfront, just beyond the Pottinger Street junction.]

No. 9, Shelley Street.

No. 9, Mountain View, the Peak.

Nos. 147 and 149, Shanghai Street (now numbered 255 and 257), Yau-mat.

Nos. 132, 131 and 136, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat.

Kowloon Island Lot No. 422—2,375 sq. ft.

Nos. 331, 332, 335, 337, 537, 539, 561, 563, 647, 649, and 651, Shanghai Street (these are "new" numbers) Mongkoktsui.

For stated reasons, the detailed prices have not been divulged as yet. In this connection, a vernacular report says that four "large shop buildings" at the corner of Pottinger Street were sold for \$400,000.

This report expresses the opinion that the Hongkong property market is showing signs of improvement. In the central districts, it adds, it is now possible to obtain mortgages up to 80 per cent. of the values current in 1924, interest at 12 to 14 per cent. per annum.

FIRE BRIGADE.

QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETING.

GOVERNMENT'S REPLY.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, the following questions were asked in the name of Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak:

Questions:—

- (1) What steps are being taken to improve the Fire Brigade fire fighting appliances and water pressure—in the mains of the Colony?
- (2) Will the Government appoint a Committee of Enquiry into these matters?

Answers:—

The Government has decided to appoint a Committee to consider and report on measures for improving the fire fighting organisation in the Colony.

Falling from a wall ten feet high, a Chinese working for the Naval Ordnance Department was injured and sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

NEW TERRITORIES.

QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

GINGER INDUSTRY.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council the following questions were asked on behalf of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak: What steps are being taken

Questions:—

- (a) to foster and develop the cultivation of poultry, vegetables, and food supplies in the New Territories?
- (b) to assist the cultivation and growth of ginger root and foster the ginger industry in the New Territories?

Answers:—

These are essentially matters for private enterprise. The opening of the New Territories by Government roads and railways has afforded facilities of which advantage is being taken. The advice of the Supt. Botanical and Forestry Department and of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, and the sympathetic assistance of the Government through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the District Officers, North and South is always readily available.

REPULSE BAY.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C. asked the following questions at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council:—

Questions:—

- (1) Will the Government appoint a Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting to this Council on the following questions in connection with Repulse Bay, namely:—
 - (a) The feasibility of providing better bathing accommodation.
 - (b) The feasibility of enlarging the area of the beach which can be bathed from by the removal of rocks from the western end of the Bay.
 - (c) The provision of the proper sanitary conveniences for those resorting to Repulse Bay.
 - (d) The regular removal by scavenging coolies of rubbish and refuse and tins from the houses and beach.
 - (e) The regular inspection by a Sanitary Inspector of the septic tanks and drainage and other outlets, for the purpose of ensuring that the same are working effectively and without danger to the public health.
 - (f) The cutting and keeping cut, and the removal of all rubbish and refuse and tins from, the long grass and other undergrowth below the Hotel Garage, and in such other places as are recommended by the above Committee.
 - (g) Generally, the making of such recommendations as may tend to improve the bathing and public health conditions at Repulse Bay and to check the breeding of flies and mosquitoes.
- (2) Will the Government also empower the above Committee to consider and report upon the feasibility of inaugurating a new public bathing beach in the neighbourhood of Stanley?

Answers:—

The reply to these questions is not yet ready.

Sir Henry Pollock asked that expediency would be exercised in regard to a reply in view of the near approach of the bathing season and H.E. the Governor gave an assurance.

MR. BERNARD.

TAKES HIS SEAT ON COUNCIL.

At the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was sworn in as a member in the absence of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and put the questions standing in his name.

TEN DAYS?

LENGTHY WING ON BANK CASE.

OPENING ADDRESS.

The initial proceedings in the alleged conspiracy on the Wing On Bank case having occupied a day and a half, Mr. F. C. Jenkin concluded his opening address this morning and the first part of the evidence was called. The whole case is expected to last ten days or a fortnight.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. F. C. Jenkin referred to the "amphibious" nature of the case, referring to the raising of money for the purpose of putting it in the Wing On Bank and to letters written by Au Kim-lui admitting that he in person had attended with the deposit book on April 22.

Referring to the two courts under which Au Kim-lui was charged with perjury, Mr. Jenkin said that the sworn statement of Au Kim-lui in connection with an attempt to make the Wing On Bank pay by means of a civil action that the Wing On Bank was indebted to him for the amount of \$50,000 was wholly untrue and Au knew it to be false because he knew that the book under which he claimed it was forged and that the money had already been withdrawn.

Au had made another sworn statement in which he said that he had in his possession a deposit book issued by the defendants, the only inference being that it was a genuine one. This also was false, said Mr. Jenkin, because Au knew that the book was not the original deposit book but that book altered, in that it had a false label. If you tamper with a document, said Mr. Jenkin, by removing part of it, it is not the same document but a forgery.

The statement made at the magistracy by Chan Sam was also the subject of reproof by counsel. In this, Chan had stated that he had been informed by the two prisoners and the third who had absconded of "the ramp" they intended to work on the Wing On Company by means of the forgeries.

This statement, counsel said, was strengthened by the fact that Chan Sam was the man whom it had been decided should look after the affairs of the alleged conspirators in their civil action with the Wing On Bank whilst Au Kim-lui was absent in Peking on one occasion. Mr. Hugh Jones, of Wilkinson and Grist, would speak at a later stage of an interview which took place in their offices between the three parties prior to Au Kim-lui's departure at which it was arranged that Chan Sam should take over in his absence.

The other two parties, the present second prisoner and the man who had absconded, did not wish to be publicly associated, said counsel, with a case which in the event of trouble they would easily have been identified with if they had done so.

The only evidence called this morning was that of Detective Sub-Inspector Fallon who made the arrest.

At yesterday afternoon's hearing of the case, a reading lamp, together with a cardboard screen, were placed in front of the jury by Mr. Jenkin so that when the various deposit books and other exhibits in the case were held in front of the light, counsel had the opportunity of demonstrating his various points.

The alleged forgery of the chop and labels were dealt with and counsel pointed out what he alleged were differences in parts of the chops alleged to have been forged and the others stamped on the books by the Wing On Company.

CAUGHT REDHANDED

THEFT FROM "EMPRESS" BOAT.

BAKER CONVICTED.

A Chinese employed as a baker on the s.s. "Empress of Asia" was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of certain articles of bedding from the cabin of Mr. C. Rimmer, second mate of the vessel.

The arrest of the accused while he was getting away with the property was stated in evidence and he was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

"FOR VALOUR"

POLICE AWARDS WON IN YEAR 1925.

MEDALS' PRIZES, ETC.

As announced in Tuesday's "China Mail," the annual inspection of the Hongkong Police by H. E. the Governor, has been postponed till next Wednesday.

This change is, of course, due to the weather. As a matter of fact, the refreshments for the subsequent entertainment were being laid out and arrangements completed, when one of the "Mail" reporters was informed of the postponement.

The awards gained during the preceding year are officially distributed at the annual inspection. This year's list comprises:—

Police Medals.

King's Police Medal: Asst. Supt. of Police, Mr. W. G. Gerrard, for prolonged service distinguished by very exceptional ability and merit.

For conspicuous and valuable services rendered during the General Strike 1925:—2nd class, Chief Det. Inspector J. Grant; 3rd class, Det. Inspector Chu Heung; 4th class, Lee-Sgt. (B 126) Khan Mohamed, Lee-Sgt. (C 563) Kwong Yi, Lee-Sgt. (C 256) Wong Sh. P. C. (C 14) Wong Yung-shing, 4th class; P. C. (D 193) Miao Pao-tai, for courage and resource in effecting the arrest of one Mok Chuen-chung, who was charged with the murder of P. C. (B 41) Abdul Khalik at No. 3 railway bridge, Hunghom, on May 19, 1925 and sentenced to death at the August Sessions 1925.

Governor's Commendation.

For conspicuous and valuable services rendered during the General Strike 1925:—Chief Inspector W. Kent; Det. Inspector W. Pincott; Inspector E. Bond; Lee-Sgt. (A 51) Nollath; Mr. Ng Ping-u (Inspector, detective office); P. C. (C 556) Man Fong.

For the admirable way in which he performed responsible and arduous duties under very trying conditions whilst in charge of Indian guards during the General Strike 1925:—Sub-Inspector J. Brennan.

For the excellent work they did in the repatriation of refugees at the time of the Yunnanese debacle in Canton in June, 1925:—Sgt. (A 24) A. H. Elston; Lee-Sgt. (A 25) B. Thorpe.

For excellent work on the occasion of the Po Hing Fong collapse on July 16, 1925 and during the subsequent period:—Sgt. (A 114) P. J. Condon.

For initiative and energy in assisting P. C. (D 193) Miao Pao-tai (who receives a 4th class medal)—Lee-Sgt. (A 119) McFadden; P. C. (D 255) Liu Hong-kun.

For meritorious work in breaking up a dangerous gang of armed criminals on December 29, 1924, at No. 122, Wooning Street. Three men were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour and five were banished:—Lee-Sgt. (A 98) Tyler; P. C. (C 540) Ip Chak; Det. Sgt. (C 180) Wong Lau (now Principal Chinese Detective); Lee-Sgt. (C 345) Shek Tui; P. C. (C 551) Man Wan; P. C. (C 264) Wong Kwai; P. C. (C 216) Leung Sai-chuen.

For zeal and intelligence displayed in effecting the arrest of a Chinese in Des Voeux Road Central on November 12, 1925, who had in his possession, cleverly concealed inside wooden clogs two automatic pistols, one revolver and ammunition for same. This man was sentenced to five years' hard labour: P. C. (C 252) Lu Muk.

Musketry and Revolver Prizes.

Musketry:—

Europeans: won by Sub-Inspector Booker (cup).
Indians: 1st (\$15) Corpl. (B 321) Ali Mohamed; 2nd (\$10) P. C. (B 268) Jagor Singh.
Welsh contingent: 1st (\$15) Lee-Sgt. (D 122) Yang Fushung; 2nd (\$10) P. C. (D 294) Cheng Chi-shan.

Revolver:—

Sir R. E. Stubbs's Cup: won by Sub-Inspector Booker (miniature of original cup).
Championship Cup: won by Asst. Supt. of Police, Mr. W. R. Scott (absent); 2nd Sub-Inspector Booker.
Handicap competition: 1st Sgt. (A 116) Ritchie; 2nd Mr. W. R. Scott.
Chinese Championship: 1st (\$20) Lee-Sgt. (C 580) Chui Fung-nam; 2nd (\$10) P. C. (D 250) Wei Kuei-lin.

KARAKHAN TO GO.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S GRAVE WARNING.

DRAMATIC EXPOSURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, April 22.

A Mukden correspondent publishes a report that Chang Tso-lin has requested the Soviet Consul-General here to warn the Moscow Government of the necessity of replacing M. Karakhan, the Soviet Ambassador, Peking, on the ground that "since his arrival in China he has employed bribery to cause student riots and assisted Feng Yu-shiang with arms in order to create internal strife in China, which actions constituted a misuse of his Ambassadorial position and a violation of international usages."

The Consul-General was further informed that when Peking was occupied by the allied troops M. Karakhan no longer would be considered entitled to the protection of international law.

CHINA'S WARS.

PROTECTION OF FOREIGNERS IN PEKING.

ELIMINATING BOLSHEVISM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 22.

The Superintendent of Police visited the Senior Minister to-day and gave an assurance that, although Tuan Chi-jui's Government had suddenly been dissolved, the Police authorities would take all necessary measures to protect foreign life and property.

It is reported from Hankow that Wu Pei-fu at a conference of his lieutenants, expressed the opinion that Bolshevist influence in China should be eliminated and that the Tariff Conference should proceed in compliance with the people's will.

W. W. Yen As Premier.

Peking, April 22.

The present arrangements are that Tsao Kun will be restored to the Presidency, after which he will issue a mandate rescinding his resignation on the grounds that it was due to force majeure. This procedure will reinstate as Premier W. W. Yen, who thereupon will fill the vacancies in the former Cabinet.

Tsao Kun will then hand over to W. W. Yen as head of the governing Cabinet.

PASSING THROUGH.

CHINESE FOUND WITH DAGGERS.

FINES IMPOSED.

Defending two Chinese young men charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with unlawful possession of three daggers. Mr. C. A. S. Russ tendered a plea of guilty and pointed out that the daggers (or knives) were in common use in Java for peeling fruit and opening coconuts. He said the men were labourers returning from Java and passing through here on their way to Foochow. He asked for a small penalty as there had been no unlawful intent.

To a question by the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell), Sergeant Flaherty said the police had no reason to doubt that the men were merely passing through the Colony. Each of the accused was fined \$50, or four weeks' hard labour, and the weapons were confiscated.

"Er—excuse me, gentlemen, but I believe you have my theatre box. Box B, first tier, y'know."

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KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

DISCUSSIONS BY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

BUSES AND FERRIES.

At an adjourned meeting of the K.R.A. Committee some further progress was made with the bus-ness in hand.

The unsatisfactory character of the Telephone Service in Kowloon was considered at some length. It was realised that there are places which are worse served than this Colony, and it was clearly understood that the antiquated system now in use was to be superseded by a better installation in the course of time, but it was generally thought that something might be done in the meantime to secure better results, even with the present equipment. A number of possible lines of enquiry were opened up, and a sub-committee was appointed to pursue investigation along those lines, and report.

When the question of the bus service was put on the agenda it was not known that a statement of the Government programme was about to be issued to the public. The Committee was gratified to note that the recommendations, made by them in 1924, regarding the type of machine wanted, were being followed. But it was regretted that other of their recommendations had not yet been put in force, and it was resolved to press for the provision of motor-buses available for houses of all companies, the arrangement of fixed "stopping-places" approved by the K.R.A. and the use of a sign to indicate a full bus. The discussion of certain houses from Nathan Road to other thoroughfares was noted, and a report on this subject was promised for next meeting.

The Secretary read the following letter from the Star Ferry Company, which shows to what quarter complaints should be addressed, as well as the willingness of the Company to consider every useful criticism:

Hongkong, April 9, 1926.
The Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association,
Kowloon.

Dear Sir,
With reference to the letters which have lately appeared in the Press on the subject of the "Star" Ferry Service, I am instructed by the Directors to say that they will always be glad to receive representations from your Committee for the improvement of the service and the convenience and comfort of passengers. They trust that with the kind co-operation of your Committee, they will be able to maintain a service which will meet, as far as practicable, the needs of the community.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. H. Crampnell
Acting Secretary.

There was also laid before the Committee a final plan of the improvements to the wharf on the Hongkong side, made after consultation of the Committee's suggestions. The Company has responded upon a more thoroughgoing reconstruction than the Committee had ventured to propose. It is now decided to extend the roof to cover the whole jetty, removing the ladders to the far end. This will not only enlarge the first and second waiting-rooms but will permit of a new approach to the floating landing-stage for embarking passengers and relieve congestion round the booking-office. The floating stage will be furnished with a jinged gangway on both sides, for ascending and descending passengers. The Company has further decided to dispense with the little shop at the Praya end (perhaps providing a stall elsewhere for the convenience of travellers). The entrance of third class passengers will then be distinct from that of the first and second class, who will have a clear passage right down the centre of the wharf, except for a rail to divide the streams of incoming and outgoing traffic. The Committee of the K.R.A. accepted the plan; their unanimous approval.

Street Noises.
With summer heat approaching, when windows stand open to every breath of air, and over-wrought nerves are sensitive to every harsh sound, the duty of suppressing all needless noises of the street becomes important for the well-being of the community. This has always been recognised, and hawkers' cries are forbidden by law in the principal residential areas of Kowloon. It was therefore decided to request the Police to enforce the law with greater rigour.

Cycle Nuisance.
The Committee desire to take this opportunity of thanking the Police and the Police Magistrate for their effective handling of the bicycle nuisance, regarding which the Committee made representations a while ago, and which has, thanks to energetic measures and severe penalties, very much abated. It is hoped that vigilance in this direction will be maintained.

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ENGINEERS.

INSTITUTION'S ANNUAL REPORT.

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, enlargement of whose premises is proceeding apace, has issued its annual report which states, inter alia, that the membership, including honorary members, ordinary and associate members, sea-going and visiting members now comprises 570.

During the year, 81 new members were elected, 37 resigned while 37 have been written off. The Institution regrets the death of the following members throughout the year: Messrs. D. A. Morris, J. W. Horan, T. E. Crombie, T. Neave (Past), T. W. Petley, J. H. Oxberry, T. M. Haining, W. Jones, G. H. S. Page, E. Drury, J. Jacobson, D. Mason, D. McKenzie, W. A. J. Cooper.

The Library.
Excellent additions to the technical and fiction library are reported and the Hon. Librarian invites members' attention to the fact that this department of the usefulness of the Institution was originally founded, and for some time maintained, solely by books presented by members, and he again makes his appeal for a more hearty assistance in this direction. Members may rest satisfied that their presentations are always minutely useful and should any work be more than duplicated here is always the pleasure of knowing that those in excess of requirements have another sphere of usefulness in the Royal Naval Hospital, where they are always gratefully appreciated. So, let us have the books.

The Circulation, in common with other assets of the Colony, has felt the grip of bad times, being 9,150 against 10,069 in 1924, and it is hoped that more settled times in the near future will have a beneficial effect on this, the Barograph of the Library's usefulness.

The Hon. Librarian desires to tender and place on record his sincere thanks to those who carried on, in spite of everything, during his absence on leave.

Billiards.
Reference is made in the report to the visit of the famous billiards player, H. J. Stephenson, and to the plucky defence of Mr. J. B. Hamilton in their game. Five billiards handicaps are reported to have been in progress, the abnormal conditions during the latter part of the year having delayed completion of all competitions.

Balance Sheet.
The result of the year's working shows a net profit of \$4,084.69 against \$7,946.56 for 1924, which may be considered satisfactory in view of the abnormal conditions which existed during the latter half of the year.

Annual Meeting.
The annual meeting will be held in the Institution buildings on Friday, April 30 at 6 p.m. The following Office Bearers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting, viz.:

Hon. Secretary.
Hon. Treasurer.
Hon. Librarian.
Auditors.

In conclusion, the officers thank all members who unselfishly devoted their valuable time towards maintaining essential services on the premises during the period of the Strike when they were without their staff of servants.

Children's Playgrounds.
By the Police, again, the Committee were favoured with a copy of the Rules and Regulations for children's playgrounds. One or two amendments were proposed. It was thought wise to limit the use of swings to young children only, say up to 13 years of age, and to exclude dogs altogether.

The area is so small that the woe ones must have their little plot kept clean and their swings, etc. reserved for them. It is, however, the ambition of the K.R.A. to obtain more public recreation ground, and enter for the growing youth and adults as well.

Rents Ordinance.
In view of the announcement in the "Gazette" that the Rents Ordinance was to be allowed to expire on June 30 of this year and the agitation for its continued operation in which the K.R.A. had been invited to join, it was resolved to appoint a sub-committee to put together the "pros and cons" and prepare a statement which would assist the Committee to form a right judgment on the question.

New Committee Member.
Mr. C. W. Skott, having been transferred to Shanghai, it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr. Colbourne Little, F.R.J., B.A., to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

FLOWER POT FALL.

CHINESE BOY LOSES A TOE.

EUROPEAN SUMMONED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. J. W. Fletcher, an employee of the Naval Armament Department, was summoned for assaulting a Chinese boy and causing grievous bodily harm. The charge arose from a peculiar circumstance that a flower pot resting on a parapet at the house of the accused at No. 220, Wanchai Road, first fell from the foot of the complainant, necessitating amputation of the big toe.

Complainant stated in evidence that he was engaged in demolishing a cook-house at the back yard at 6 p.m. on March 24 when the flower pot dropped on his toe and he fell unconscious to the ground. He had been in hospital for twenty days and lost his big toe.

Major Wilson, First Clerk at the Magistracy, said that he had previously seen the accused and discussed the question of compensation, when he seemed to realise that he would have to pay something, although no specific amount was mentioned, as the extent of the injuries were not known at the time.

Accused told him that he suffered from insomnia and hearing a noise which disturbed him he threw the flower pot down.

This latter statement was denied by the accused, who said he thought Major Wilson was under a misapprehension. He denied that he threw the flower pot down and said he accidentally knocked it over.

This witness said that it is had been an accident the Magistrate's clerk should have been informed to that effect. Accused was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$50 as compensation to the boy.

Winds of typhoon force were not experienced at Hongkong in 1925. On June 25, however, a typhoon passed about 100 miles S.W. of the Colony on a north-westerly track, causing an E.S.E. gale at Hongkong. The greatest squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell Anemograph was at the rate of 60 m.p.h. at 9.40 a.m. During another typhoon, which passed a little to the N.E. and N. of Swatow on July 15, on a north-westerly track, Hongkong experienced a squall at the rate of 65 m.p.h. at 7.10 p.m., the highest recorded during the year, though the maximum wind velocity for one hour during this storm was only 35 m.p.h. at 4 p.m. on July 15.

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OUR OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS DURING 1925.

PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

Automatic records of the temperature of the air and evaporation were obtained with a Richard dry and wet bulb thermograph, and of the direction and velocity of the wind with a Beckley and a Dines-Baxendell Anemograph, modified as described in the report for 1912. The amount of rain is recorded automatically by a Nakamura pluviograph and the amount of sunshine by two Campbell-Stokes, universal sunshine recorders. Eys observations of barometric pressure, temperature of the air and of evaporation and the amount of cloud are made at each hour of the Hongkong Standard time. The character and direction of the motion of the clouds are observed every three hours. Daily readings are taken of self-registering maximum and minimum thermometers.

The principal features of the weather in 1925 were:—(a) Heavy rain in June and July. (b) Temperature considerably below normal from April 4 to 18.

Barometric pressure was considerably above normal in April, October and December. It was considerably below normal in January, and moderately below in March, May and August. The mean pressure for the year at station level was 29.845ins. as against 29.830ins. in 1924, and 29.842ins. for the past 12 years. The highest pressure was 30.343ins. on December 30 as against 30.314ins. in 1924 and 30.509ins. for the past 42 years. The lowest pressure was 29.272ins. on July 14 as against 29.365ins. in 1924, and 28.590ins. for the past 42 years.

The temperature of the air was considerably below normal in April and moderately below in January and February. It was moderately above normal in November. The mean temperature for the year was 71.4 as against 72.3 in 1924 and 71.9 for the past 42 years. The highest temperature was 92.8 on August 28, as against 93.2 in 1924 and 97.0 for the past 42 years. The lowest temperature was 39.7 on February 1, as against 47.5 in 1924 and 32.0 for the past 42 years. The mean temperature for April, 65.2, was the lowest on record.

The rainfall was considerably above normal in March, June, and July and considerably below in May and August. The total for the year was 87.58ins. as against 98.57ins. in 1924 and 85.19ins. for the past 42 years. The greatest fall in one civil day was 10.38ins. on July 17 as against 20.495ins. for the past 42 years, and the greatest in one hour was 3.16ins. between 10.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. on June 15, as against 3.480ins. for the past 42 years.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

To-morrow is St. George's Day and the member of the Society of St. George are reminded that there is a brief ceremony at the Cenotaph at 9.30 a.m. at which a wreath will be laid on behalf of the Society. It is hoped that there will be a good muster of members present to do honour to the memory of those for whom the Cenotaph stands as a memorial, as well as to the spirit of the Day.

In case there are still any members who have not yet booked their seats, or any of the Public who do not realise that the Concert is open to all, a reminder is necessary that the time for booking is getting short.

The Concert commences at 8.15 and consists of three parts, the third part being the Sketch "Between the Soup and the Savoury." A late train has been arranged for, and the performance will be over in time to allow plenty of time for those travelling to Kowloon to catch the ordinary ferry.

The applications for enrolment in the Society of St. George have, in the last few days, been very gratifying, to those members who hope to make this a record year. If there are any Englishmen who have not yet joined the Society, they must be few and far between.

To avoid that bane of every Englishman, making himself conspicuous—if there are a few who have failed to get into touch with Mr. R. E. Green-Smith, the Hon. Secretary, they should do so at once.

An Englishman who is not in the Society in the present year of grace will be a very notable person.—Contributed.

163 earthquakes were recorded at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong during the year 1925 by the Milne-Shaw Seismograph, as against 143 in 1924. The seismograms have been forwarded to the President of the Seismological Committee, Oxford.

NEW SCHOOL.

SAYINGPUN BUILDING PROGRESS.

PART NOW OCCUPIED.

The 6th quarterly report (ending March 31) on the building of the new Salingpun School (for which Kim Lee & Co. are contractors) was laid before the Legislative Council by command of H.E. the Governor-to-day. It read:—

"Satisfactory progress has been made during this quarter and the building is now in a fairly advanced state of completion."

"The plasterwork in the Assembly Hall has been completed, the laying of floor boarding has been commenced and the panelling is ready for fixing. The paving of covered playground is completed and the paving of open playground has been commenced. The swimming pool is almost completed, and the tilting of latrine block is in progress. Fittings to lavatories are being installed and the shower baths are fixed. The electric wiring, and installing of water service are both almost completed. The erection of a granite portico to the front entrance is progressing and brickwork generally is being cleaned. The school authorities have occupied a portion of the building."

DELAYS CAUSE.

FIRE STATION BUILDING REPORT.

HOME INDENTS LATE.

The 6th quarterly report (ending March 31) on the building of the new Fire Station for which the contractors are Messrs. Trollope and Colls (Far East) Ltd., was laid before the Legislative Council to-day by command of H.E. the Governor, reading as follows:—

"The contractors have made satisfactory progress, but the work has been seriously delayed as the gunnery and sanitary goods did not arrive from England until the end of March."

"The whole of the brickwork is now complete with the exception of several partitions on the ground floor."

"The door and sashes have been taken to the three upper floors of the Des Voeux Road portion of the building and painterwork has been commenced."

"Plasterwork has been carried out to the offices on the four upper floors to Connaught Road, joinerwork has been fixed and wood block floors are being laid. Painterwork has been commenced on the two upper floors."

"The iron railings are being fixed to the courtyard and Connaught Road verandahs."

"The granite work has been completed but still requires to be dressed down."

"The soil and rain water goods are being fixed and this will allow work to proceed with the external plasterwork."

"Owing to the adverse circumstances prevailing during the latter part of 1925, and the non-delivery of indents from England, it has been impossible to complete the building by February 25 which is the contract date for completion."

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

MEMBERSHIP "DRIVE" STARTS.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES.

Over a hundred of the leading Chinese residents of the Colony were present at a dinner held last night to start this year's financial and membership campaign of the local Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Ngan Kwan-yu (chairman of the educational and membership committees) presided. Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen (president of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.) encouraged all to work hard to relieve the present financial embarrassment of the organisation.

Mr. J. L. McPherson, general secretary of both the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the European Y.M.C.A., spoke of the time when the Hongkong movement had less than 200 members. He was pleased to see some young men whose fathers worked for the Y.M.C.A. in similar financial and membership drives some 10 years ago.

The leaders of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. financial and membership campaign now in progress, include Mr. Kwok Lam-hong and Mr. Sun Chi-ling, of the Wing On Co., Mr. Lam Woo, well-known contractor, Dr. Chau Wai-cheung, hon. secretary of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association; Mr. Chong Kung-shing, manager of On Lok Yuen; Dr. Fock Wing-gung, of the Tung Wah Hospital; Dr. T. R. Wu, a past president of the Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A.; Mr. Ng Yu-det, Mr. Ngan Kwan-yu, Mr. Chak Tak-wong, Mr. Wong Yai, G.E., Rev. Wong Oi-tong, Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen, Mr. Cheuk Kien-ko, Mr. Chan Tet-ang, Mr. Young Shi-cheung, and others.

Among those who have signed up as allying members in the Hong Kong Y.M.C.A. are:—

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

EXCELLENT HARBOUR RACE YESTERDAY.

DUTCH BOAT WINS.

For the second time since the institution of the race, a J.C.J.L. boat won the "Trevesa" trophy, the fifth race for which was rowed yesterday, producing the best contest which there has been so far.

The interesting fact came out at the presentation of prizes afterwards that the institution of the race in Hongkong had led to a similar race being inaugurated in Batavia, Mr. de Meester, of the winning Dutch shipping company, stating that in recognition of the feat of a J.C.J.L. boat pulling off the trophy at the first race ever rowed in Hongkong, he bought a similar prize and, being in Batavia at the time, presented it for competition in that port. It was being sailed for twice a year and the competition had aroused considerable interest and keen competition.

As regards the actual harbour race yesterday, the boat from the s.s. "Tjondari" (which carried off the prize) led throughout threatened on one or two occasions.

The wind was light when the start was made at Channel Rocks but good use was made of the oars. Two of the boats from the s.s. "Tjondari" went to the front at the start but one was overtaken on the way down to the Rock by the boat from the s.s. "Hangsang."

The other Dutch boat, making good time in the wind and supplemented at all times by the oarsmen, came in second, getting first round the mark, she never looked like getting caught, particularly when the "Hangsang" tacked in mid-stream where the adverse tide was strongest. Not only did the Indo-China thus lose chance of getting first place but the mistaken tactics let the boat from her sister ship, the "Chungshing," creep up to second place.

The order of finish was:—

"Tjondari" (Mr. Nowotony) . . . 4.48.54

"Chungshing" (Mr. Osmond) . . . 4.53.57

"Hangsang" (Mr. G. Powell) . . . 4.54.10

"Hinsang" (Mr. Petherick) . . . 4.58.09

"Tjondari" (Mr. Troye) . . . 5.00.20

"Taming" (Mr. D. C. Jones) . . . 5.20.08

"Talkoo Wany" (Mr. F. J. Griffiths) . . . 5.30.42

"Kwelyang" (Mr. W. A. Donald) . . . 5.41.15

"Luchow" (Mr. Douglas Adams) . . . D.N.F.

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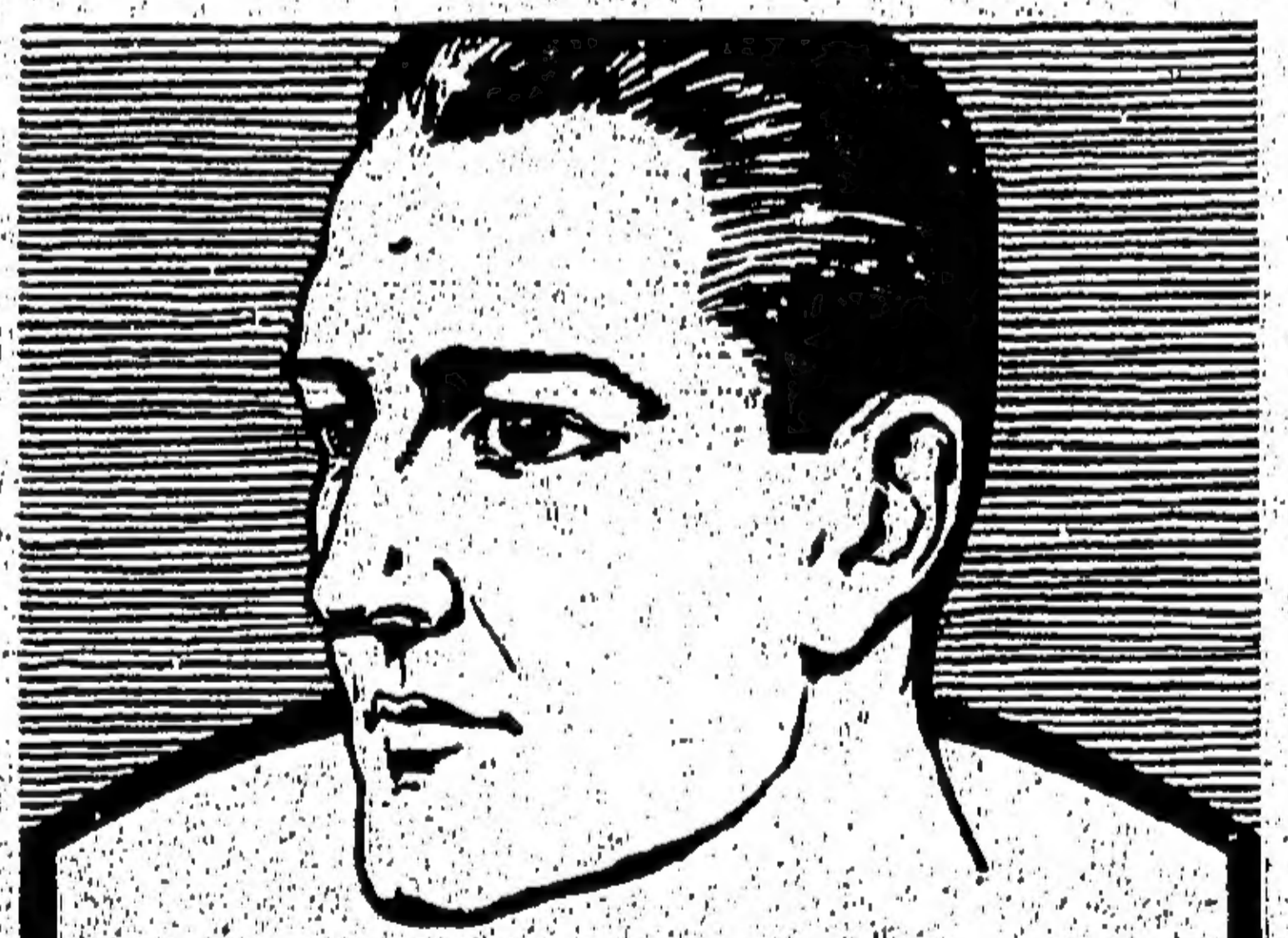
Office Boy: "I don't know who the responsible party is, but I am the one who always gets the blame."

The Presentation.

Captain W. Davidson in presenting the trophy and a cup to the winning helmsman, said he supposed he had been selected to do that because he was an old sailor. It was an honour to present the cup. The race just sailed was the fifth and, he thought, it was the most satisfactory race they had seen so far. The boats were all sailed well and handled well, especially the winning boat, the second and the third. The winning boat had a good crew who pulled well all round right up to the finish.

On going through the boat afterwards Capt. Davidson said he found all gear in good condition, the boat in good shape generally, well kept and a credit to the ship she belonged to. He had great pleasure in asking Mr. de Meester to accept the trophy for his company and Mr. Nowotony a silver cup.—(Applause.)

Mr. de Meester, manager of the Java-China-Japan Line, in accepting the trophy, hoped it would be sailed for many years and that it would always provide good races (Applause).



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CHICAGO MARU Wednesday, 12th May.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SCOTLAND MARU Sunday, 25th April.

SANUKI MARU Tuesday, 25th May.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Singapore and Japan Ports.

ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 6th May.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

HAGUE MARU (From Keelung) Monday, 10th May.

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P.W.D.

ITEMS OF SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE.

PRESENTED THIS AFTERNOON.

The following items of supplementary expenditure will be laid before the Finance Committee at the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon.

Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, 1 Fire Float \$107,360.00.

Public Works, Recurrent, Miscellaneous, 18, Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages, Haulage Charges, &c., \$1,673.00.

Prison Department, Other Charges:—Cleansing and Sanitary Materials, to meet excess expenditure, \$353.00.

Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, 4 Patrol Launches, Upkeep, Miscellaneous Expenses, \$3,200.00.

Public Works Department, Other Charges, Radio Telegraph Branch (page 78), Repairs and Stores, \$400.00.

Education Department, Special Expenditure, Equipment of Sailing School, \$5,774.00.

Treasury, Special Expenditure, Adding Machine, \$786.00.

Miscellaneous Services: Motor Cars Running Expenses, \$209.00; Newspaper and Periodicals, \$424.00; Rent Allowances, European Subordinates, \$1,471.00; Rent Allowances, Asiatic Subordinates, \$708.00; Transport of Government Servants, \$2,072.00; Expenses of Strike, \$1,109.00; Charitable Services, Charitable Pension, Miss C. H. Borrow, \$58.00; Director of Education, Other Charges, Rent of Schools, \$1,490.00; Harbour Master, Special Expenditure, Kelvinator, Motor for \$225.00.

Harbour Master, Other Charges, Conveyance Allowance, for Assistant Junk Inspector, \$180.00.

Sanitary Department, Other Charges, General Cleansing, Chinese New Year, Labour, \$47.00.

Post Office, Personal Emoluments, Salary of Head Postman, \$123.00; Rent Allowances, \$384.00; Good Conduct Allowances, \$1,000.00.

Audit Department, Personal Emoluments, Acting pay for 2nd Assistant Auditor acting as 1st Assistant, \$1,404.00.

Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, 1 Fire Float, \$28,646.00.

Public Works, Extraordinary, 29, Kowloon Hospital, Expenditure payment, \$2,000.00.

Police Force, Other Charges, Motor Cycle Allowances, \$2,100.00.

Public Works Department, Other Charges, Upkeep of Plant, Clearing for Aveling and Porter Steam Roller, \$830.00.

Treasury, Special Expenditure, Embossed Die, Estate Duty Office, \$75.00.

Prison Department, Special Expenditure, Payroll Diamond Self Clamp Cutting Machine, \$2,308.00; Rolling Pen Making Machine and Lathe brass, \$87.00.

Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Communications, Improvements to the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads, Kowloon, \$22,000.00.

Sanitary Department, Other Charges, Conveyance and Motor Allowances, A.M.O.H. \$270; Two Inspectors \$360 each, \$990.00.

Education Department, Special Expenditure, Medical Fees and Glasses for Students in Government Schools, \$300.00.

Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Drainage, 64, Training Nullahs, Untrained portion of the nullah on Crown land which divides the "Rampart" Taiqua and the P.W.D. Bungalow, \$6,600.00.

Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, Chemical Extinctors, 6 for Kowloon Hospital, \$270.00.

Education Department, Other Charges, Grants, Capitation Grants, \$3,031.00; University Examination Grants, \$424.00.

Miscellaneous Services, Other Miscellaneous Services, Adjustment of Coal account, \$10,966.00.

Education Department, Special Expenditure, Equipment of Sailing School, \$4,198.00.

Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, 18, Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages, (Page 80); Rent Allowances to Wongnischong Villagers, \$4,762.00.

Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Installation of 14 K.H. Watt Wireless set, \$5,100.00; New Territories, Miscellaneous, Mosquito Proofing, Police Stations, New Territories, \$5,500.00; Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Telephone cable from Victoria Gap to Mountain Lodge and Signal Station, replacing aerial line with underground line, \$3,700.00; Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Tools for Electric Workshops, \$2,000.00; Hongkong, Buildings, Victoria Hospital, Alterations to Main Building, \$90,000.00; Hongkong, Buildings, Re-Holding No. 8, Police Station, \$90,000.00; Hongkong, Buildings, Quarry Bay School, \$98,000.00; Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Telephone cable to D'Aguiar Wireless Station, \$5,000.00.

00, Hongkong, Waterworks, Shek-O Water Supply, \$1,000.00; Hongkong Waterworks, Water Supply to Curatata, lots of Deep Water Bay, \$8,000.00; Kowloon, Miscellaneous, Underground cable scheme, 2nd Section, Kowloon, \$45,500.00; New Territories, Miscellaneous, Underground Cable scheme, between Kowloon, Tai-po and Fanling, \$10,200.00.

Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, Wireless Telephone set for Reacue Tug, \$380.00; Wireless Telegraph and Telephone set for Harbour Office, \$2,150.00.

Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, Fire Alarms, \$11,000.00.

Police Force, Special Expenditure, Weigh Bridge for motor vehicles, \$3,500.00.

Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, Fire Brigade Station, \$326,000.00; Government Civil Hospital, Extension to Sisters' Quarters, \$17,000.00; Böhman Road School, \$166,000.00; Cadet Quarters, Canton, \$40,500.00; Hongkong, Communications, Improving and Widening road through Quarry Bay Village, \$50,000.00; Hongkong, Drainage, Wongnischong Nullah, Section 1, \$60,000.00; Hongkong, Waterworks, Bowen Road Filter Beds, Conversion, \$130,000.00; Kowloon, Buildings, Kowloon Hospital:—(a) Buildings and Furniture, \$80,000.00; (b) Site, \$16,500.00; New Kowloon, Communications, Roads, General Works, \$45,000.00; New Kowloon, Waterworks, Shing Mun Valley Scheme:—(c) Pipe Line, \$50,000.00; New Kowloon, Waterworks, Temporary intakes and conduits, \$13,500.00; New Territories, Buildings, Quarters for Indian-Married Police, \$17,500.00.

Sanitary Department, Other Charges, Advertisements, Home Appointments, \$600.00; Bonuses to Dispensary Clerks, etc., \$279.00; Conveyance and Motor Allowances, \$895.00; Disinfectants, \$2,134.00; General Cleansing, Chinese New Year, Extra Allowance to coolies, \$23.00; Head Stones, \$822.00; Light, Western Market, N. & S. Blocks, New system of electric lighting, \$993.00; Transport, \$596.00; A. D. & S. H. Incidentals, \$150.00.

Education Department, Other Charges, Students in Training at Hongkong University, Fees, \$2,440.00; Students in Training at Hongkong University, Maintenance, \$940.00.

Public Works, Recurrent, 3, Maintenance of Light-houses, Cost of erecting new gill-arm, \$940.00.

Office of Crown Solicitor and Land Registry, Other Charges, Crown Solicitor, Legal Expenses, Costs in Rex. v. Atherley, \$4,500.00.

Public Works, Extraordinary, 46, Ngu Shu Wan Caoh, Foundation contract cancelled, \$15,276.00.

Sanitary Department, Other Charges, Conveyance and Motor Allowances, Additional Allowances, \$347.00.

Public Works, Extraordinary, Police Station, Sham Shui Po, Architects Account for work done, \$5,000.00.

Kowloon-Canton Railway, Other Charges, Store Depreciation Account, Cost of stores written off at stocktaking at the end of 1924, \$58.00.

Police Special Expenditure, 1, Cruising Launch, Balance of Contract Price, Margin for contingency, \$34,000.00.

Attorney General, Personal Emoluments, Salary of Clerk, \$900.00.

Volunteer Defence Corps, Special Expenditure, A Steel Telescope W.T. Masts (page 101), \$1,300.00.

Miscellaneous Services, Telegrams sent and received by Government, \$5,000.00.

Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, Pedestal Fire Hydrants, Cost of 25 Pedestal Fire Hydrants, \$10,000.00.

His Excellency the Governor, Other Charges, Furniture, \$1,500.00.

Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, Rescue Tug, Construction of Balance of Contract price, \$750.00.

Charitable Services, Grants in aid of Charitable Institutions, Little Sisters of the Poor Special Grant, \$20,000.00.

Prison Department, Other Charges, Rent of quarters for European Officers, \$7,000.00.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

We learn on good authority that the Naval Yard Branch of the Ministering Children's League have been fortunate enough to secure the services of the newly found Imperial Concert Party to appear in a pot pourri programme in aid of this very deserving charity.

Fuller details as to place, time, and date will be given shortly, but in making this announcement we feel sure that the troupe will be accorded equally as warm a reception by the Hongkong public, as they received last summer, when they put up such an excellent performance at the Commodore's Tennis Court and at Government House in aid of the same cause.

One or two changes have been made in the troupe owing to certain departures for home, but quite a strong cast of talented amateurs will "take the stage" next month.

DUMPED OVERBOARD

ARMS RETRIEVED FROM THE SEA.

BOATMEN CHARGED.

Possession of six Mauser pistols, 15 magazines, 380 ammunition clips and 4,680 rounds of ammunition (recovered from the harbour) and throwing them overboard to prevent seizure were charged against two boatmen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector Lane said that he was asking for the case to be dealt with by two Magistrates. Hearing was fixed for Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios is appearing for the first accused and Mr. M. W. Lo for the second.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

"Empress of Asia," Br., from Vancouver, Shanghai, C. P. S.

"Suizang," Br., from Shanghai, Amoy, B. and S.

"Yangtze," Fr., from Dunkirk, Saigon, M. M.

"Hoi Nam," Port., from Fort Bayard, Yew Kee.

"Mishima Maru," Jap., from Melbourne, Manila, N. Y. K.

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"Adna" for Tarakan.

"Aki Maru" for Manila.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

This morning the Marine Court imposed fines on the masters of local small craft for harbour offences, as follows:—

Steam-launches "Kwong Tai" (2 previous convictions), "Fai Fat" (several convictions) and motor-boat "Cheung Lee 2," \$20 each for not observing the rule of the road.

S. L. "Tong Foo," \$10 for dumping ashes.

S. L. "Tung On" \$20 for being under way without a certificated coxswain.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The B. I. s.s. "Hawa" will leave Amoy for this port on April 24 at a.m. and is due here on April 26 at a.m.

Yesterday a Chinese "case" of rabies was notified to the medical officer of health. There was no other notifiable disease.

A Chinese fell into the harbour at Connaught Road West yesterday while in an intoxicated condition. The man was rescued and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

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Empress of Canada, July 9	July 12	July 14	July 17	July 26	
Empress of Russia, July 22	July 25	July 28	July 31	Aug. 9	
Empress of Australia, Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 25	
Empress of Asia, Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Sept. 6	
Empress of Canada, Sept. 3	Sept. 6	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 20	
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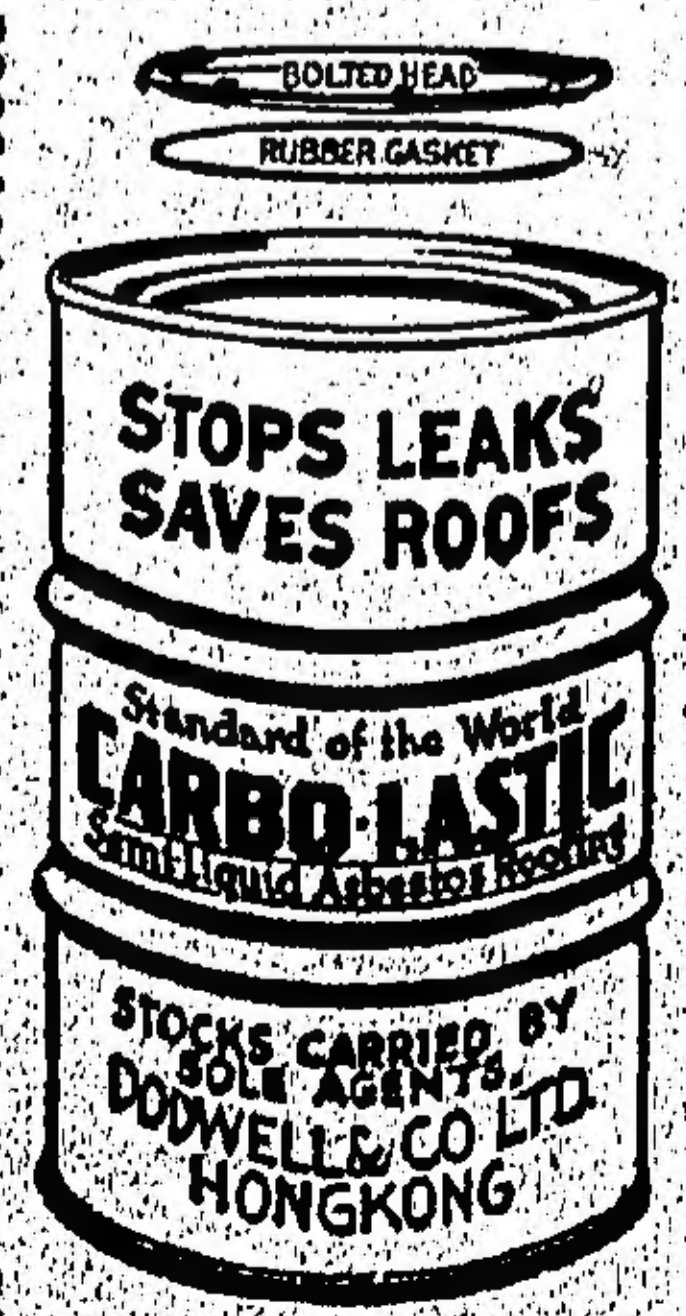
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"PERIM"	7,848	30th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MURZAPUR"	8,715	3rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	8,314	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	8,108	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"RANPURA"	16,585	24th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,097	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,088	21st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"TALMA"	10,000	15th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SHIRALA"	10,000	22nd May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th May	Melb., Kolambagan, Sandakan
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"KHYBER"	9,114	30th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SHIRALA"	10,941	4th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
"TANDA"	8,553	8th May	Amoy, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,941	15th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PADUA"	8,007	30th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	8,009	10th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"RANPURA"	16,585	8th July	Shanghai only
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"KALYAN"	9,144	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	22nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"COMMUTING" MANIA.

A meandering Memsahib writing in the Rangoon "Times" gives this interesting account of part of her journey.

In Shanghai, in the great Chinese department store of Wing On, we had met a very intelligent Chinese merchant who told us that although himself Cantonese, he felt that the people down there were making a great mistake in following Bolshevik Russia instead of stable England, America or Japan who were forward-looking and constructive. Our later informants were more favourable to the Cantonese position. They pictured Hongkong a bankrupt city because of the boycott and prophesied that it was fated to return to the fishing village of its origin. They told their side of the story, but ignored the Bolshevik propaganda of which we heard more fully when we talked with a friend in Hongkong. One would be so happy if people in those parts would only tell the truth! Against the bankrupt Hongkong we placed the testimony of one who has lived long in China and reported that Chinese from the inland were pouring their money into banks there until no more would be received. This was due to the absolute confidence they had in the integrity of the British. When Hongkong came into possession of the British there was nothing there the Chinese coveted; but the worthless, developed, has become the desirable. We were glad to enjoy the Hongkong of to-day without too much thought of its past or its future. But even that perfect picture of Hongkong harbour from the Peak was marred by the lack of ships upon its waters. Junks and liners were alike but few and we remembered our first visit, before the backwash of European conflict had stirred up strife in this corner of the world when it was full of shipping, a port of ports.

Lovely as the Peak is, it has always been difficult of access, so that many Europeans are now building up a colony at a seaside spot on the other cooler side of the island, easily accessible to town by motor road. The commuting mania is in evidence even across the harbour. Kowloon, eight years ago a sordid native village supplemented with docks, is now a thriving city with remote and attractive residential suburbs. At the ferry slip a dozen motor buses are ready to convey Hongkong commuters to their homes, and private cars are not lacking. On the surface, save for the light shipping, Hongkong and vicinity to all appearances might still be prosperous, and the disinterested visitor cannot leave without hoping that some way may be found out of the present impasse that will satisfy the thinking among the Chinese as fair and at the same time conserve the interests of the Empire—B.E.H.H.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Java" are reminded that cargo remaining undelivered after 4 p.m. on April 26 will be subject to rent.

FIRE FIGHTING. CAPACITY OF NEW FIRE FLOAT.

CONVINCING DISPLAY.

The new fire float with its monitors on the working deck, the expanding walk tower capable of getting over anything up to 30 feet, and the 12 pipe lines which can be connected up to any length, gave a convincing display at Murray pier yesterday evening before a large gathering of interested spectators.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of the Police and Chief of the Fire Brigade) was present. Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, was in charge of the arrangements.

In addition to the fire fighting capacity of the monitors, very considerable in themselves, it is possible to increase this by subsidiary deliveries and discharge 4,000 gallons or 13 tons of water per minute working at a pressure of 150 pounds from the float.

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PRINCE GEORGE.

MERRY MENGGELUNCHOR IN MALAYA.

Curry tiffins, dances and concerts, varied by an elephant ride to the famous menggelunchor water slide in Perak, formed the bill of fare of "Mr. George Windsor" and a party of officers and men from H.M.S. "Hawkins" who visited Perak during the week-end, says the Ipoh correspondent of the "Singapore Free Press" on April 13.

The Prince witnessed Malay wrestling, danced all night at the new club, and was the merriest of the bathers at the water slide, shooting the chute over the immense rock, and landing heads up or tails down as fortune favoured or frowned at the bottom of the pool.

Taiping bade a regretful farewell to the party, all returning happy and tired.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on March 16 and is due here tomorrow.

The E. L. s.s. "Bendoran" from Leith, Rotterdam and Antwerp is due to arrive here tomorrow.

The E. L. s.s. "Gambhir" left Singapore for this port on April 19, and is due here on April 26 at a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. to-day, and is due back here on April 27.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 17 and is due here on May 5.

The s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on April 4 and is due here on or about May 12.

PASSENGER LIST. ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived per s.s. "President" McKintley on April 21:—

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EAST INDIES SQUADRON.

H.M.S. "Effingham" at Bombay.

Bombay, March 30.

H.M.S. "Effingham," the Flagship of the Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Squadron, arrived in Bombay from Colombo and will sail for Jaighad on April 4.

The Naval Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Squadron, Admiral Ellerton, who arrived last evening, paid an official visit to the Acting Governor of Bombay this morning. He will take part in the farewell to the Viceroy this week.

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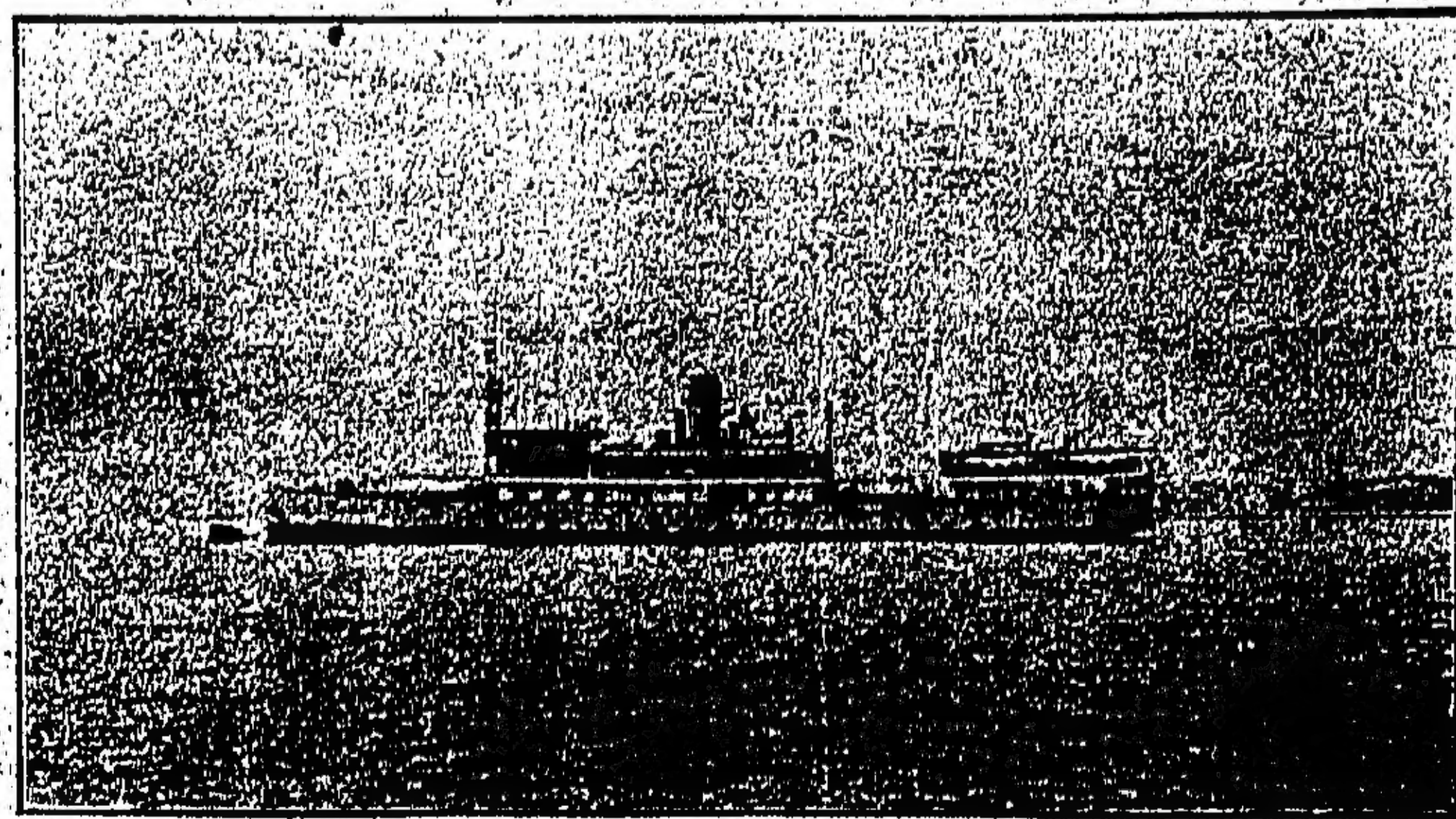
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MURORAN MARU ... Friday, 30th April.

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BUCHANAN.—On Tuesday,
April 20, to Mr. and Mrs.
G. L. Buchanan, a son.

Hongkong, Thursday, April 22, 1926.

"TOPSY" VILLAGES.

Eighty-five years have passed since the Colony was founded and it must strike the outsider as very peculiar that villages have been permitted to spring up here and there within the extremely small circumference of twenty-seven miles without the slightest semblance of control in regard to sanitary matters. They have "grown up" like Topsy and have "since" become "nobody's bairns." We are asked to believe that "this does not mean any neglect on the part of the Sanitary Department" and yet in the same breath we are told quite frankly that "it appears to have been the deliberate policy of the Board in the past to make no attempt to impose the letter of the law on such villages." It is a remarkable revelation, to say the least of it. How the villagers live, what are their sanitary amenities, what facilities exist for spreading disease to other parts of the island, are all blank questions. And the blank would still exist until the Colony celebrates its centenary fifteen years hence were it not for the probings of such citizens as Dr. Koch to whom the health of the whole community is something not merely idealistic. After having ignored the existence of these villages for so long the Sanitary Board is now almost persuaded that "if it had power" it "would ask the Government to remove them." That is to say, after they have been left in perfect peace ever since they became villages, with not the slightest restrictions in matters of hygiene, the Corporation without a soul in the form of the Sanitary Board or the Government would hesitate not a moment to raze them and scatter their inhabitants to the four corners of the Colony or further afield. That surely does not tend to give a good impression of a "benevolent autocracy" under the British Crown.

If the authorities have erred in committing sins of omission in the past, that cannot surely be laid at the door of those against whom they have sinned—the villagers—who have been allowed to be immune from the letter of the

law" and the remainder of the community whose health has been jeopardised by the absolutely shocking insanitary conditions prevailing in these villages.

All these revelations make it clearer every day that the work of sanitation is beyond the ability of the Sanitary Department as at present constituted to cope with either in its own interests or the interests of the Colony. The personnel in the first place is numerically much below the requirements of even a third-rate town at home. Government officials, including sanitary inspectors, are no less human than other people; they cannot perform physical impossibilities. The whole Department requires overhauling and modernising to be able to supervise adequately every square mile in the island, whether rural or urban. The sooner that is realised the brighter will be the prospects of Hongkong setting its sanitary and public health house in order by 1941—the centenary year.

UNSAVOURY.

The House of Commons has passed the third reading of a Bill designed to forbid the publication in newspapers of details calculated to injure public morals. Only the salient features of certain kinds of cases are to be permitted. Those who know the nature of certain types of Sunday papers will understand the object of the Bill and will probably give thanks. For the advertisement of the ape and tiger in humanity, this class of paper takes the proverbial bun. They undoubtedly encourage a sense of the gruesome and the development of minds that, to say the least, may be called muddy. We are spared this sort of thing in this Colony. Apes and tigers there may be, but, like a child that is weaned from its mother, they are kept low. But there are other things which may reasonably be called unsavoury which see the light of day. A correspondent to a Shanghai paper deplores the open sale in that city of unsavoury postcards and "illustrated" cigarette cases. Shanghai is not alone in this. Probably all the big cities in China possess this class of "merchandise," the production, doubtless of continental minds free from a sense of any moral obligation, and very willing to make money out of the weakness and bad taste in human nature. Hongkong is not free from the taint. The best that can be said is that there does not appear to be an overpressing demand for such things and that they are so much dead stock. There is danger in over-much censure and censorship, and generally speaking, if we admit the existence of an advanced age, it is better to let the mind decide—or try to—for itself what is good and bad. Nudity is not necessarily indecency. The term "the human form divine" is expressive of purity and it is in that sense that criticism must be based. Wisely directed the younger element will soon separate the base from the good. It may be asking too much. It is then why not a little educational effort? Failing this the only thing is to comb out the unsavoury.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG JURORS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail)

Sir—Your sub-letterette of the 20th inst. meets my concurrence that it should be the duty of those whose names appear on the Jury List to take part in voting at the Sanitary Board Election. The distinction has never been directed that, as on this occasion when the contestants are Portuguese and Chinese respectively, jurors other than of these nationalities are to leave their hands off in the matter. If all jurors are to present themselves at the coming election recognising it as equally important as to attend Criminal Sessions, then it could be said that our citizens do take a keen interest in public affairs. Certain jurors whom I met confronted me with the shameful remark that the election "do not bother them the least." People with such a dull spirit of citizenship are useless for any community and they should rightly be denied the privileges that are accorded only to those loyal and honourable. You made the suggestion that should the occasion arise when there is a matter of great intricacy to be decided upon, the Government should appeal for the direction of Jurors. It is indeed a high compliment you are paying to them but the Government would be meeting a grave peril should they ever make such an attempt. I will not say that jurors on the whole are unreliable to advise for the adoption of a sound policy, but there is first the question of those constituting the personnel of the Jury List. I have commented on several occasions that the system of our Jury Service is not in its proper course, and your columns also commented on its demerits, and suggested certain reforms. The authorities paid no heed to them but it is such a matter that prompt measures should be taken bearing in mind that by the introduction of Jury Service in Courts of Justice, the law is made justified to give the true interpretation of fairness to the prisoner on trial. There have been instances in our local courts when wrong verdicts were returned by the Jury and grave as they were that even in murder trials the miscarriage of justice was brought about through the inattention and carelessness of jurors during proceedings. The chief fault lies in the absence of the proper finding whether actually a prisoner is guilty of murder or of manslaughter. I can bear evidence of wrong verdicts at certain murder trials as feeling unsatisfactory over them. I took the proper course in drawing the attention of our late Governor, who after careful consideration granted reprieves. It is high time that the Jury Service should be reformed and as I have hinted, particular attention should be drawn to the personnel on the list. It is my opinion that "managers of firms who are responsible for the handling of the form for the filling in of names of his staff to serve on the Jury, should see that only those who hold a responsible position are eligible. As far as his Chinese staff is concerned, the manager should use his discretion to include the names of only those who have a thorough understanding of English. The present Jury List, which I understand is compiled once a year, is not exactly correct, as I find the names of certain persons who have long left the Colony, the names of certain firms which have ceased to exist, and the names of those who have severed connection with the firms as stated. In the Occupation Column I note very many inferior positions and I wonder if people in England should they occupy such positions have ever the right accorded to them to be included in the Jury Record. The responsibilities of a Juror are strict and the exercise of his duties is as of paramount importance as the judge. The Chief Justice has commented on the running out of date of the laws governing Bankruptcy and I earnestly hope that His Lordship will not fall to enquire into the Jury System carefully and whatever reforms are to be made, will only help to create the true version of the fundamental principles in the administration of British Justice.

Yours, etc.

M. T. S.

HOME MAIL.

A letter from Europe comprising about 155 pages, including the London Mail of March 25, despatched via Suva, was expected by the S.S. "Tama" at 8 o'clock today. The letters will be sorted for delivery soon after arrival.

MORE CAPITAL?

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

FACTS DISCLOSED TO DAY.

That the capital may be increased was hinted by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (chairman) at today's 48th annual general meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. when a series of interesting facts were disclosed. Last year's troubles in China were blamed, partly, for a big loss on working. Reference was also made to the world's increased production of sugar, and keen competition. Mr. Bernard also spoke as to future prospects.

Supporting the chairman were:—the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. H. P. White (of the consulting committee), Mr. E. B. C. Hornell (secretary), and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (company's solicitor). Shareholders present were:—Mr. G. M. Shaw (manager), Captain T. Arthur, Messrs. J. Baptista, H. Birkett, Choa Po-min, Choa Po-sien, F. M. Courtney, R. E. Coxon, B. Ede, F. M. P. de Graça, Ho Fook, Ho Leung, Ho Kwong, Ho Sha-Kit, R. C. Hall, L. Man-hin, R. E. Macdougall, C. Savard-Remedios, A. M. da Silva, R. Sutherland, J. Ker Shaw.

Last Year's Loss.

After the secretary had read the notice, Mr. Bernard said:—The report and statement of accounts together with the auditors' report, have been in your hands for some days and with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The loss for the past year amounts to \$1,471,800.55, which with the debit balance of \$32,155.23 brought forward from the previous year makes the total balance at debit of profit and loss account \$1,503,955.86.

It is with very great regret that I have to present such a bad report, particularly as it follows on a year which showed an even worse result.

It goes without saying that we have been faced with extraordinary difficulties during the period under review. Prices for raw sugar steadily declined from March 1924, to October 1925. During the former year the drop in Java browns was some \$7½ per picul and in 1925 \$3 per picul. The reason for this was the very heavy increase in the world's production of sugar in 1924/25, which amounted to 3½ million tons over the previous year, notwithstanding that that year had also shown an increase of 1½ million tons over the preceding year.

Sugar Trade Facts.

Although there was a large increase in consumption, stimulated by the lower prices, it was not able to cope with the enormous production. Early in 1924/25 it was expected that the Cuban crop would amount to somewhere between 4,300,000 and 4,700,000 tons, but when it became evident that these totals would be exceeded there was a further drop in values and the final output actually exceeded 5,100,000 tons. In our business it is necessary for us to buy forward but unfortunately we are not able to sell our refined products in the same way and business therefore becomes very difficult on a declining market.

In addition to the falling raw sugar markets, which invariably react very quickly in the refined markets throughout China, our losses were caused by the troubles in China last year, which resulted in a stagnation in our outlets for refined, and necessitated the closing of the refinery for six weeks during the summer, and a small melt for a long period. Competition from Japanese refineries has also been very keen but it is reported that the refineries have lately agreed amongst themselves to restrict their output, and if this proves correct I hope that there will not be so much available for dumping in China.

Debiture For Overdraft.

Turning now to the accounts, you will notice that the overdraft at bankers amounted to \$2,748,513.77 at December 31, and was secured by a debenture for \$2,000,000. The General Agents have, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, granted our bankers a debenture covering all the Company's assets with the exception of stocks of raw and refined sugar to secure an overdraft up to \$2,000,000. In addition to this, we are allowed a further \$700,000 against 75 per cent. of the market value of stocks of sugar at East Point. These facilities, gentlemen, are all we can get for our ordinary business, and in my opinion they are as much as can reasonably be expected. As the Company is situated to-day, however, we are very short of cash, and the advance to the Company from the General Agents amounted to \$1,558,453.38, on

December 31 in addition to the overdraft at bankers. It may therefore be better to increase the capital of the Company and this is a matter that will receive the attention of the General Agents and Consulting Committee when conditions are more favourable.

Depreciation on the usual scale has been provided for on buildings and machinery, and our plant has been kept in a thoroughly efficient condition by systematic repairs and renewals—\$60,944.50 having been spent during the year.

Our stocks of both raw and refined sugar at December 31, 1925, have been written down to market values at that date, and it is expected that the provisions made to cover losses on unclosed shipments will be more than adequate.

What The Future Holds.

As regards the future, I am reluctant to make any prophecies, as the factors that make for success or otherwise are so varied and the vagaries of the sugar market so unexpected and sudden, that it is practically impossible to give any reliable forecast, and we have also to contend with the civil wars in China which are continually upsetting the interior markets.

At the moment, the raw markets are somewhat excited over the recent decision of the Cuban Government to curtail the output of the present crop by 10 per cent. This has been brought about by the critical situation there due to the low level of prices which are less than the average cost of production. There is some doubt as to whether this restriction can be enforced, but it is evident that if some 500,000 tons are withdrawn from the world's supplies of sugar available for this year, higher prices may be looked for. Even if the suggested reduction of 10 per cent. in the present Cuban crop is not found to be feasible, I think the general conditions of the markets, as far as can be judged at present, justify the hope that any decline which may occur is only likely to be temporary and that better prices may be anticipated.

It is estimated that the increase in the world's production of sugar in 1925/26 is about 800,000 tons and it is possible that this may not be realised. But even if it is, the normal increase in consumption, especially at the present low prices, should be able to care for this. I do not think there is anything further that calls for comment and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

[Captain T. Arthur seconded. No question was put, and the motion was carried unanimously.]

Other Business.

Other business passed by the meeting comprised:—Re-election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Mr. H. P. White to the consulting committee—proposed by Mr. B. Ede, seconded by Mr. Choa Po-min. Election of Messrs. Lowe, Bing-ham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the current year (at \$750 each)—proposed by Mr. Ho Fook, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung.

SOME RAIN.

FORECAST TILL TO-MORROW
AT NOON.

The report of the Royal Observatory at 11:30 a.m. to-day reads:

Pressure has increased considerably over Japan and slightly at Hongkong. It has decreased moderately at Shanghai and slightly over Formosa. In the South it is nearly stationary.

An anticyclone is central over S.W. Japan and a depression over Tongking.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.34 inch. Total since January 1, 20.05 inches, against an average of 9.82 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—E. winds, moderate, overcast, some rain.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 4:30 p.m. left Kobe to-day at 4 p.m. and is due at Yokohama to-morrow at 3 p.m.

The S. S. "Cambria" left Singapore for this port on April 19 at 8 a.m. and is due here on April 23 at 8 a.m.

And do you ever lose yourself in your work?

Yes.
What is your work?
Exploring central Africa.

"VERY DELICATE."PREPARING FOR STOPPAGE
OF COAL PITS.

OWNERS' NEW PROPOSALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 21.

The "real situation" is described as "very delicate."

A laconic official statement issued at the conclusion of a ninety-minute conference between the mine owners and the Prime Minister (Mr. S. Baldwin) merely announces that the mine owners will meet the miners to negotiate tomorrow.

The Miners' Executive held long meetings today when it discussed plans for ensuring the safety of the pits in the event of a stoppage on May 1. It also considered that the coal owners' proposals for new national agreements are substantially different from the present agreements, and it is a national minimum rate of wages, which is at present 15s. 7d. per cent. of the standard rates.

Chief Controversy.

The chief point of controversy at the conference tomorrow will likely be the question of the national minimum rate which the miners demand, and an adjustment of minimum wages in the districts, which the owners propose should be subject to ratification by a National Board.

Prime Minister Opposed.

It is reported in well-informed circles that Mr. Baldwin is opposed to the owners' demand for district agreements.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

Minister of Labour Present.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 21.

The Executive Committee of the coal owners this afternoon met the Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour, and Colonel C. R. Lane Fox, Under-Secretary of State for Mines.

An official statement was afterwards issued. It was silent as to the results of the discussions, but stated that the coal owners would meet the miners' Executive tomorrow morning.

ROYAL BIRTH.THE DUCHESS OF YORK
CONGRATULATED.

SUCCESSION QUESTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 21.

The Duchess of York's daughter was born at 2.40 in the morning. Both well.

The Duchess of York's accouchement was expected about the end of April as the new arrival at No. 17, Bruton Street is a little earlier than expected.



Duke and Duchess of York.

The Duchess has been in remarkably good health, and accompanied the Duke to a theatre a few days ago.

The Duke has already received many congratulations, the first being telephoned in the early hours from members of the Royal Family. It is probable that their Majesties will motor from Windsor to-day to visit their first grand-daughter.

Later.

The fact that the Home Secretary

INDIAN POLITICS.SWARAJISTS AND PASSIVE
RESISTANCE.

ATTITUDE TO GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Ahmedabad, April 21.

A conference of the Swarajists and "Responsivists," which met at the instance of Gandhi to try to arrive at a common formula of work, has reached an agreement, which the All-India Congress Committee will be asked to ratify at the beginning of May, providing that the response of the Government to the demand for a further advance is considered satisfactory in the provinces.

If the power, responsibility, and initiative considered necessary for the effective discharge of their duties are secured to the Ministers—and the sufficiency of these powers in each province will be decided in the first instance by the conference—the members of the Legislature, or otherwise the parties adhering to the agreement, will refuse to take office and will reject supplies.

Central Provinces Deadlock.

Simla, April 21.

In consequence of the persistent refusal of the Swarajist majority in the Central Provinces Council to vote Ministers' salaries, the Government of India has suspended the dyarchical administration until January 31 next, when a new Council will be elected.

NAVAL DEFENCE.JAPAN AND REPLACEMENT
PROGRAMME.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, April 21.

Amongst matters touched on by the Premier at this morning's opening of the annual Gubernatorial Conference was the question of consummating Naval Defence which Mr. Wakatsuki emphasised as the most important "owing to the Empire's insular circumstances."

This reference in conjunction with a similar statement made on Saturday when addressing the Kenseikai meeting at Osaka appears to indicate the Government's intention to consider seriously replacing on the Naval Replacement Programme which was mainly solved last year owing to the necessity for economising.

was summoned to Bruton Street when the Duchess of York's baby was expected illustrated the importance of the event from the viewpoint of the Home Office, as succession to the Throne is the first in the male line and at present the new Princess is the only child born to a son of the reigning sovereign. Her position can only be modified by issue of the Prince of Wales or the birth of a son to the Duke and Duchess of York.

Satisfactory Progress.

London, April 21.

It is authoritatively learned that the progress of the Duchess of York and her daughter is as satisfactory as could be wished.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.BRITAIN'S ASSISTANCE TO
AMERICA.

NO NEW POLICY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 21.

In the House of Commons, Captain J. G. Fairfax (Conservative, Norwich), asked if a counter-concession, such as the better treatment of British immigrants on Ellis Island and at other American ports, could be obtained in exchange for the extension of the area to the Bahamas conceded for the operation of American revenue cutters?

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that no such agreement had been made. The United States Government had been informed that owing to difficulties as regards communications, specified United States vessels hitherforth would be allowed to visit Guiney and the adjacent islands without formal notice, provided that a call was first made at Bimini to notify the Bahamian Commissioner. This was a purely administrative matter and was a continuance of the policy embodied in the Convention of 1904, the regulation of the liquor traffic.

Schooner Bombarded.

At question time Sir Austen Chamberlain said that on February 23 Sir Esme Howard had requested



Sir Esme Howard.

of the United States Government to enquire into the circumstances of the alleged bombardment of the schooner "Eastwood." Sir Esme Howard on March 22 at the request of the Canadian Government and on behalf of the owners and master, protested against the action of the United States revenue cutter and asked for the result of the investigation requested on February 23 at the earliest. No reply had yet been received.

A Washington cable of April 18 states:—The Treasury Department have found the charge that the cutter Seneca fired on the schooner Eastwood to be without foundation. Officials stated that they had information that for over a year the Eastwood hovered off the coast, obviously intending to land liquor in the United States.

Illegal Seizures.

New York, April 21.—The Appellate Court has dismissed proceedings brought against the United States Government for the seizure of the Norwegian vessel Sagund and the British ship Diamantina.

Both were seized over fifteen miles from the coast, but the Government, in instituting proceedings under the liquor Treaties with Norway and Great Britain, contended that the vessels were near enough the shore for fast boats to make the trip easily within an hour.

The Court, however, denied that such an extension of territorial jurisdiction was created in the Treaties in question.

Changing the Law.

Washington, April 21.—In connection with the above General Lincoln C. Andrews, Assistant Secretary for the Customs, has sent a Bill to Congress authorising the extension of the right to search to an hour's sailing distance from the shores of the United States.

Ex-Governor's Assertions.

Washington, April 21.—The Prohibition Investigation Committee has considered a letter from an ex-Governor of Pennsylvania submitting statistics tending to prove that since the enforcement of the Volstead Act, the position in Pennsylvania has steadily improved.

Over 300 saloons have disappeared since 1923, when 200 drunks could be counted on the streets on any evening and between 800 and 400 on Saturdays. Recently a trip through the same streets showed that there were only three drunks.

NOT COURTEOUS!SOVIET'S REFUSAL TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE.

A DESERVED SNUB.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 21.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons, replying to questions, stated that he had not received any proposal for a postponement of the preparatory Conference on Disarmament fixed for May 17 in Geneva; and he was not prepared, in order to remove any possibility of such postponement, to propose some other venue than Switzerland for this Conference.

Russia's refusal to attend the Conference if it was held in Switzerland was not very courteous to the League or favourable to the objects which the League had in view. Every effort had been made to obtain a settlement of the difference which had arisen between the Soviet Government and the Swiss Government in order to prevent this happening, but these efforts had failed.

It was impossible that the League should transfer its seat from Switzerland at the bidding of any Power which happened to have a diplomatic difference with the Swiss Government.

GERMAN ASSURANCE.NEW TREATY WITH THE
SOVIET UNION.

BRITAIN SATISFIED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 21.

In regard to the proposed Treaty between Germany and the Soviet Union, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said in the House of Commons that he understood it had not yet been concluded, and he had not seen the text of any of the articles; but the German Government had given an assurance that the Treaty would contain nothing which conflicted with the Covenant of the League of Nations or the Locarno Agreement.

Accepting this assurance, and assuming that the final text completely fulfilled it, he saw no reason to take exception to the Treaty.

NO DECISION.MOROCCAN PEACE PARLEYS
BREAK UP.

DELEGATES TO REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 21.

A report from Uda states that the Morocco Peace Conference broke up this evening, no decision being reached in regard to the preliminaries for the peace negotiations.

The date of the next conference has not been fixed, the delegates wishing to consult their Governments prior to another meeting.

TRADE CREDITS.GUARANTEES BY GERMAN
GOVERNMENT.

SCHEME FOR RUSSIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, April 21.

Russo-German trade is expected to receive a considerable impetus as the result of the German Government guaranteeing that German firms who are prepared to supply certain articles, chiefly heavy machinery, to Russia on credit shall obtain at least 60 per cent. of the money owing to them by the Russian buyer.

Should the latter and the Russian State Bank in Moscow, which is the guarantor of the buyer, both fail to pay, the German guarantee covers 60 per cent. of £15,000,000 worth of goods.

Shadows Before.COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 22—Queen's Theatre: Reginald Denny in "What Happened to Jones."

April 22—Star Theatre: Madge Bellamy in "Lorna Doone."

April 22—World Theatre: "The Arizona Sweepstakes."

April 23—Theatre Royal: a vocal and instrumental Concert under the auspices of the St. George's Society, 9.15 p.m.

May 1—Mayday Carnival at Repulse Bay.

May 7—Smoking Concert at Volunteer Headquarters and distribution of prizes won at recent Corps Ride Meeting, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

April 23—Hongkong Hockey Club v. 5/2 Punjabis at Marina Ground, 5.30 p.m.

April 24—R.H.K.Y.C.'s closing cruise of the season at Club House.

April 24—Final round in "Sunday Herald" Cup, between England and Portugal, on H.K.F.C. ground, 4.45 p.m.

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Happy Valley, 3 p.m.

May 2—Fourth annual athletic sports of the South China Athletic Association on H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.

May 8—Annual athletic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Auctions.

April 27—At Lammert Bros' Sales Room, one 6-cylinder Buick motor car, 3 p.m.

April 27—At 15, Connaught Road, Central, 1st floor, office furniture by Lammert Bros., at 11 a.m.

April 28—At Lammert Bros' Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Company Meetings.

April 22—Second meeting of the Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., at the Registered Offices of the Company, Powell's Building, 2nd floor, 3 p.m.

April 24—Fourth meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Royal Building, Ice House Street, 11 a.m.

April 26—Second meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., at Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co.'s offices, St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

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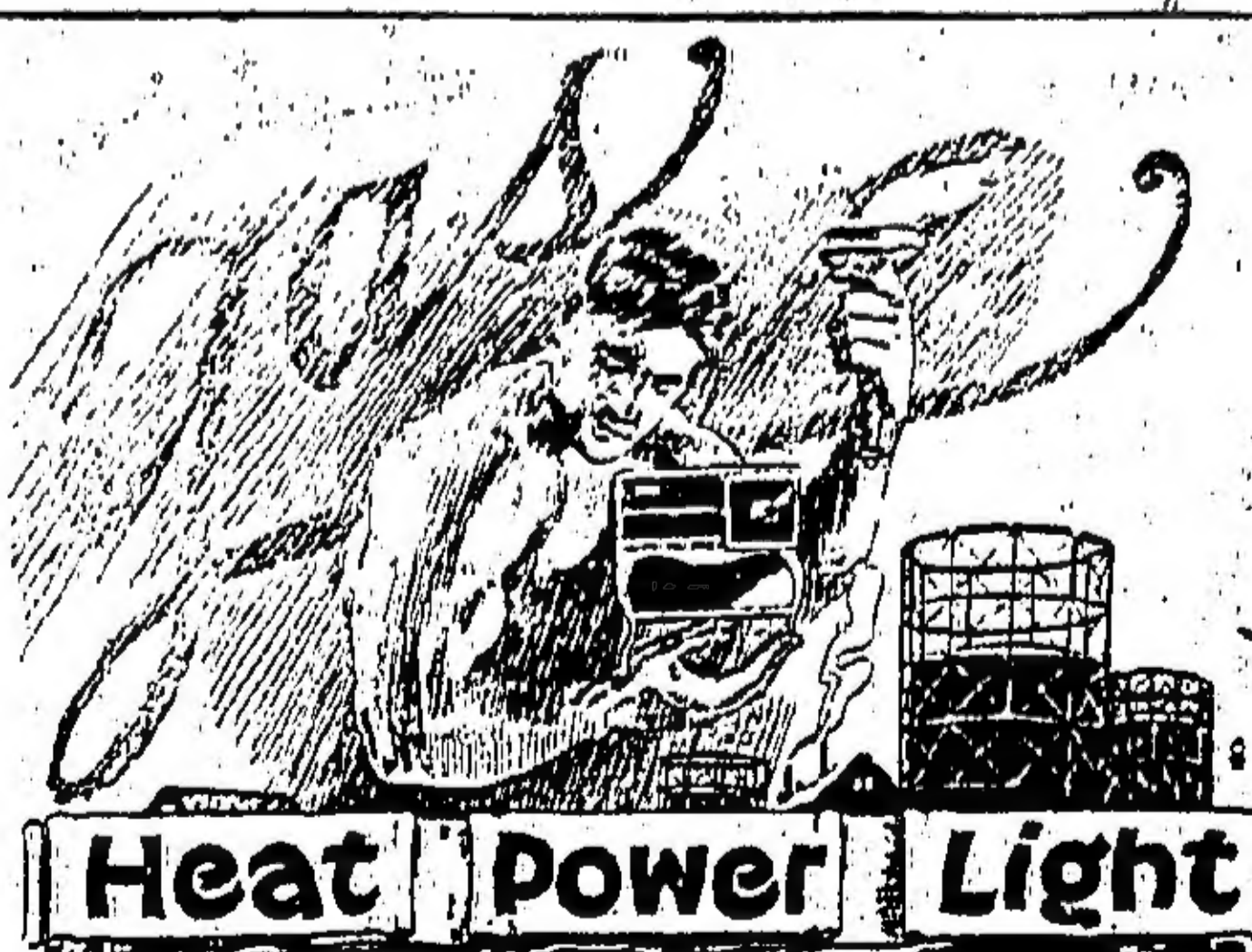
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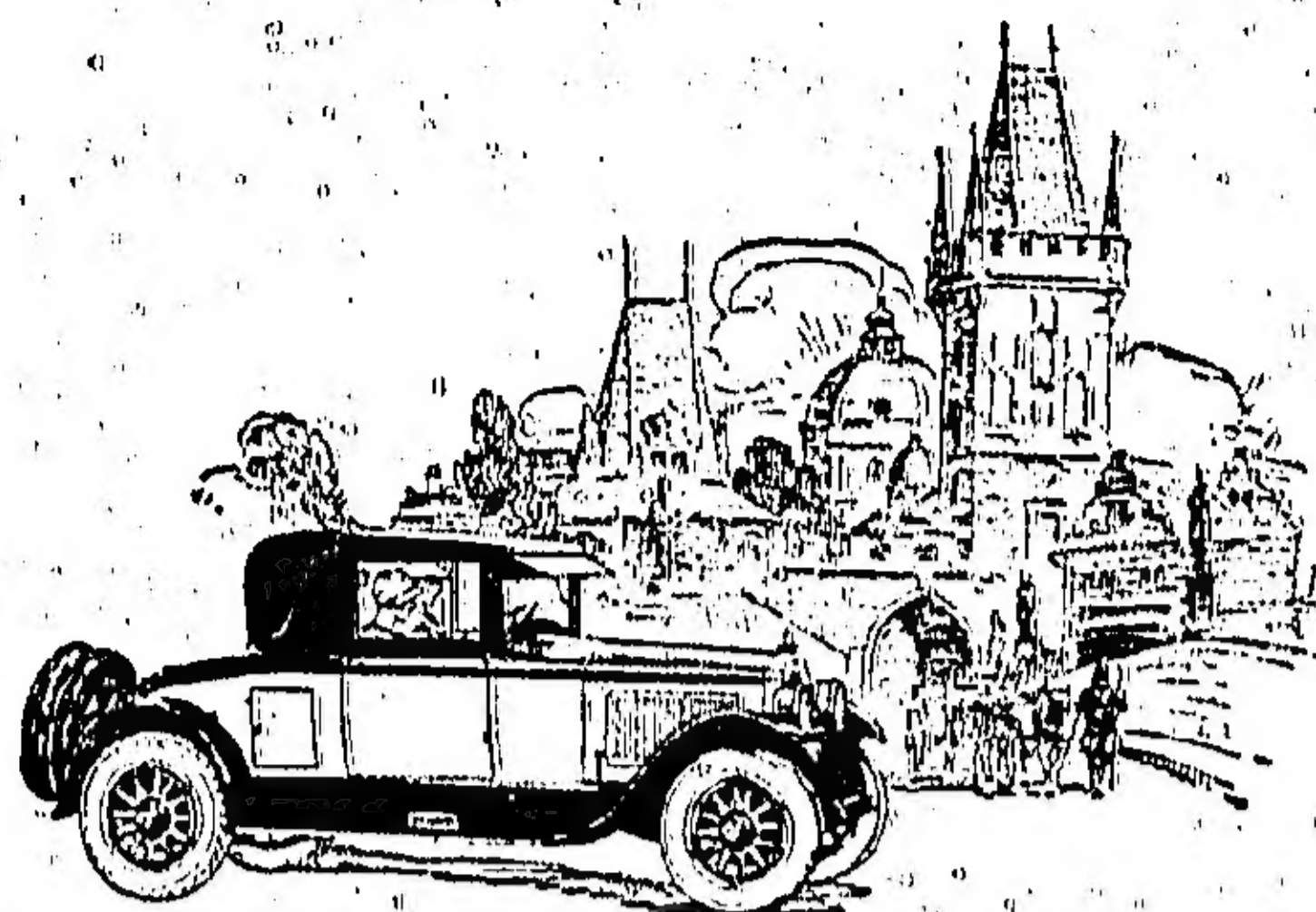
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Summer time will begin in New York on April 25.

A twenty-five ft. frontage in Sydney was sold at auction for \$25,600.

During the absence of Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. R. L. Lewis will be in charge of the Hongkong Office of Messrs. Holyoak and Massey.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd. notify that normal working with Shanghai and beyond has been re-established.

Tuesday's return of notifiable diseases in the Colony comprised only one case of smallpox. The patient, a Chinese, is an arrival in Hongkong and not a resident.

People afflicted with Asthma should "hum" through their noses. It would help them overcome the attack and eventually will cure the disease entirely, according to Professor Hübner, well known Vienna hygienologist.

"Vienna coffee houses are in danger of becoming Americanized" is the cry in the famous old capital of the Hapsburgs, where coffee houses are tradition the world over. The issue at stake is whether waiters shall discard their dress suits and tuxedos for plain white coats.

One of several pigs which raided the garden of Major George Hutchinson at Camelford, Cornwall.

Broke into the house. Smashed ornamental flower-pots in the hall. Overturned tables and smashed a Chinese vase 250 years old.

A Blackburn gracer, summoned for selling goods on early closing day, said: "I have committed an offence in the eyes of man, but not in the eyes of my Heavenly Father, who said 'Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but rest on the seventh day.' I try to do that." He was fined five shillings.

"No no Nanette" has been running in London for a year.

"She called me a peetotaller, and I look upon that as an insult."—Man at Tottenham Police Court.

No youths at Measham, Leicestershire, are applying for apprenticeships to tradesmen, although they may under a charity to this village.

Building trade rates to apply to the erection of all houses was the gist of a resolution passed by a Scottish Labour conference at Glasgow.

Post Office savings deposits on December 31, were £285,400,000. Government stock sold £314,918,473, and holders' credit £288,775,460.

In an attempt to lift South Wales from "iniquity," magistrates who consider ordinary dancing as "dangerous excitement," "barbaric" and "sensual," have forbidden this "indiscreet" pastime late at night.

It is reported from Mysore that at a village, a few miles from that city, some unknown person has poisoned 25 wild monkeys. Orthodox Hindus who venerate the monkey, dressed the bodies in funeral garments and took them in religious procession through the streets of the city to the cremation ground and disposed of them with Shastric ceremonial. The outraged Hindus are looking for the poisoner.

"Let who will make the laws of a country, if I may control the cinema," Mr. Snowden, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, thus modernised the old adage at the annual dinner of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association at the Hotel Victoria. Tax on entertainments was bad, and violated all sound financial policy, he said. It discouraged a legitimate and very useful form of enjoyment. Thirty million people went to the cinema, and he believed that it did more than any other agency to promote temperance and sobriety.

1,054,000 gallons of Australian wine were imported in 1925.

The University College Charity "Rag" at Nottingham realised £1,400—a record.

The "Comtesse de Flandres" steamer, which went ashore near Beachy Head on December 30, has been refloated and safely berthed.

Nearly half the prisons in the country have been closed down in the last 12 years in consequence of the enormous decrease in the prison population.

The average salary of maid-servants in Tokyo is ¥15 a month with board and sleeping accommodation charged to the employer, according to statistics. The demand is exceeding the supply, it is announced.

A Berlin cable to "The Daily Chronicle" says the Soviets have decided to permit women to be officers on ships of their mercantile marine. One woman is to be a naval architect in State ship-building yards; another is appointed to be captain of a steamer. She will be the first woman to command a ship of the Black Sea fleet.

The £20,000 worth of American railway bonds found by a girl cinema attendant in a Cheltenham picture house have been claimed. A clerk in a local business house visited Cheltenham Police Station and said, although he was not the actual owner, he had them in his possession and dropped them while visiting the pictures.

A proposal that all cats should be registered by the police, for a shilling fee, and wear an identity disc, was rejected by a Glasgow Corporation committee. The project was put forward by the local branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The medical officer reported that the spread of disease had not been traced to cats to any serious extent, and that compulsory registration might lead to increasing rats and mice.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. C. N. Abraham, second son of the late Rev. S. Abraham, has been appointed Assistant Health Officer for Kinta.

Mr. G. J. Dickson has been appointed hon. secretary of the Malacca branch of the Malayan Agricultural Association.

Mr. Charles Christian Heideck, of the well-known firm of Charles Heideck, Rhinns, champagne growers is at present in Penang on a short visit.

With the provisional title "Queen Mary as Working Woman," a remarkable and unconventional book by a new authoress will be published this spring.

Seventy thousand children were entertained by the Salvation Army at banquets in various parts of the country in celebration of General Booth's seventieth birthday.

At Belmont Parish Church, Glasgow, on the 4th instant, the marriage took place of Mr. James Whyte, of Singapore, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Whyte, Friarscroft, Renfrew, to Miss Mona Hardie Macnie, M.B.E., Ch. B., only daughter of the Rev. R. L. Macnie and Mrs. Macnie, Loth. Sutherland.

H.S.H. Princess Phorn, a daughter of H.R.H. Prince Damrong, who has received a Siamese Red Cross scholarship, left for Manila on the 5th instant with Dr. and Mrs. Lowell to take up a course of medical studies. This will be the first occasion on which a princess has left Siam to prosecute her studies.

Doubleday, Page & Company, are strongly opposed to Mrs. Conrad's book about her distinguished husband, which is regarded as too intimate and too trivial and not calculated to do Mr. Conrad's reputation any good. Among other things, Mrs. Conrad told how her husband would monopolise the bathroom, splashing in the tub, to the exclusion of their guests.

There is to be another attempt to show that Shakespeare derived from factors other than rustic and common. The Cambridge University Press will publish "A Chapter in the Early Life of Shakespeare," by Arthur Gray, in which the author will endeavour to show that Shakespeare did not spend all his youth at Stratford, but passed part of it at Polesworth, Warwickshire, a literary resort of the period.



The Earl of Craven, for whom a deportation warrant was issued in Washington, in connection with the immigration trouble.

Dr. S. W. Eveson is appointed to officiate as Health Officer, Malacca, with effect from March 25.

Colonel Russell Brown leaves the Colony to-morrow for Peking. This will mean his withdrawal from the tennis tournament.

Lady Gregory, who was one of the founders of the Abbey Theatre, is writing her reminiscences. Two new plays by her are to be published shortly. Lady Gregory's "Hyacinth Halcyon" was one of the plays performed at the recent celebration of the coming of age of the Abbey Theatre.

Baroness Clifton is not the only society girl to take up the law. The Hon. Sylvia Moulton, the 23-years-old daughter of the late Lord Moulton, the famous judge, has taken her law degree at Cambridge, and has even eaten her dinners at the Temple, though few of her associates realised who she was.

Still another Hamlet, this time an Italian version of the great English classic, will be seen this season in London where John Barrymore's interpretation and the plus four rendition already have been applauded. Ruggero Ruggeri, one of the best actors in Italy, will give "Amloto" at the St. James Theatre and later at Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Claiming to be the tallest people in England, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Murray are starting from Plymouth on a two years' cycling tour of the world.

Mrs. Henry Allhusen is the donor of \$4,000 for a National Home of Health as headquarters of the New Health Society, as a memorial to her husband and children.

Sight has been given to three sisters and their brother, all born blind and all grown up, by Dr. C. M. Hawes, of the Hawes-Marple Hospital at Huntington, West Virginia.

Students of the Labour College protest against the project to convert Easton Lodge, the gift of the Countess of Warwick, into a Labour University, and suggest a convalescent home.

Tolstoy's centenary falls in 1928 and the Bolshevik authorities in Moscow are preparing a complete and uncensored edition of his works in twenty volumes. A million copies will be printed.

The Beverly Hills estate of Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford is to be sold. They plan to build a Spanish hacienda further back in the hills. The couple will leave soon on a tour of Europe.

Ewell (Surrey) Congregational Church, which has celebrated its diamond jubilee, was originally started in 1825 by an Ewell servant girl, Mary Wallis, who built a small chapel out of her savings.

Mr. Francis Eden Lacey, who has been secretary of the M.C.C. since 1898, tendered his resignation to the committee some time ago, but at their request he is "carrying on" until the end of the season.

Modern fashions were roundly condemned by Mr. William Haworth in his presidential address to the Bolton Master Cotton Spinners' Association. It used to be said, he observed, that the adding of two inches to a Chinaman's shirt would do a great deal of good to the Lancashire cotton trade. So extreme had fashion become in this country that sometimes the womenfolk almost resembled Eves. As time went on they would probably get back to a saner style of dress, which would be more advantageous to Lancashire.

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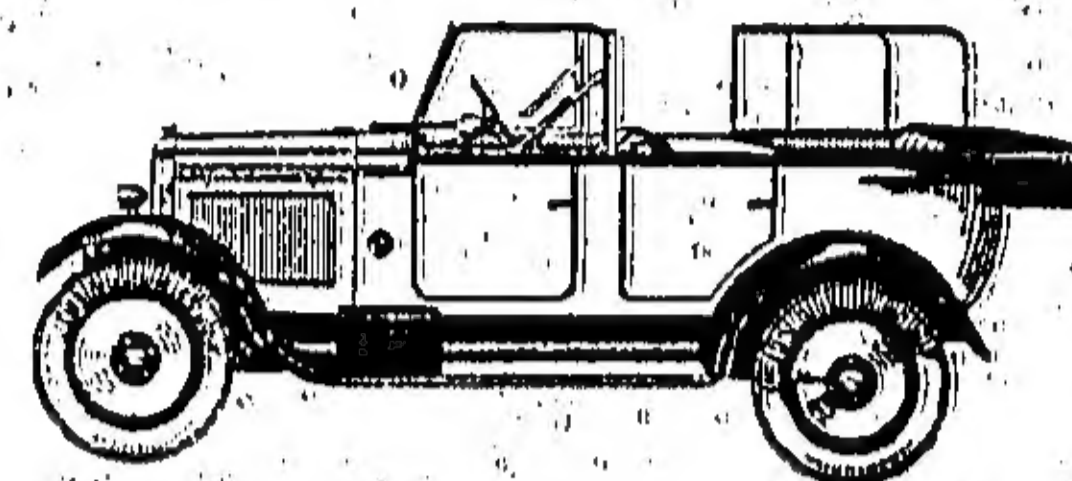
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HOME SOCCER.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS AND TABLES.

MID-WEEK GAMES.

(Reuter's Service.)

League football matches played today (some have been played) resulted as follows:

Division I.
Manchester United 5, Sunderland 1.
Division II.
Notts Forest 4, Hull 0.
Division III (South).
Southend 2, Brighton 1.
Swindon 5, Watford 3.
Bournemouth 2, Norwich 2.
Division III (North).
Crewe 0, Southport 1.

The respective tables now stand:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
Huddersfield	41	23	11	7	90	56	57
Arsenal	39	21	7	11	82	60	49
Sunderland	41	20	6	15	93	79	45
Aston Villa	40	16	11	13	83	71	43
Sheffield Utd	40	18	7	15	98	80	43
Bury	40	18	7	15	79	77	43
Bolton	39	17	8	14	72	71	42
Liverpool	40	14	14	12	65	59	42
Newcastle Utd	40	15	10	15	81	70	40
Blackburn	41	14	11	16	88	79	39
Tottenham	40	15	9	16	65	73	39
Everton	40	10	15	12	67	70	38
Leicester	41	14	10	17	70	76	38
W.Bromwich	40	15	8	17	75	74	38
Cardiff City	39	16	6	17	58	69	38
Birmingham	40	15	8	17	65	78	38
West Ham	40	15	7	18	63	73	37
Manch. Utd.	39	16	6	17	58	72	38
Leeds Utd	40	13	8	19	59	73	34
Sheff. Wed.	40	11	11	18	65	98	33
Barnley	40	11	10	19	79	107	32
Notts County	40	12	7	21	49	69	31

Division II.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	40	25	6	9	84	45	56
Derby	39	24	7	8	75	37	55
Chelsea	39	18	14	7	74	43	50
Swansea	39	19	9	11	74	52	47
Port Vale	40	10	6	15	77	43	44
Blackpool	40	17	10	13	79	67	44
Wolves	39	18	7	14	70	54	43
Portsmouth	40	16	10	14	75	73	42
Middlesbrough	40	20	2	18	75	66	42
South Shields	40	17	8	15	68	60	42
Oldham	39	17	8	14	66	60	42
Preston	40	17	6	17	66	81	40
Hull City	39	14	9	16	57	56	37
Southampton	40	15	7	18	61	62	37
Darlington	40	14	9	17	65	72	37
Bradford	40	13	9	18	62	65	35
Notts Forest	40	14	8	18	47	61	36
Barnsley	39	11	12	16	54	72	34
Fulham	40	9	12	19	43	77	30
Clapton	40	10	8	22	47	63	30
Stoke	39	10	7	22	49	75	27
Stockport	40	7	8	25	46	95	22

Division III (South).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
Reading	40	22	11	7	70	48	55
Plymouth	39	23	7	9	104	69	53
Millwall	39	21	9	9	67	31	51
Bristol	40	20	9	11	66	40	49
Brighton	40	19	9	12	83	69	47
Swindon	40	10	6	15	66	61	44
Southend	40	19	3	18	76	67	41
Luton	40	17	6	17	77	74	40
B'mouth	40	16	9	15	69	85	41
Gillingham	40	16	7	17	50	49	39
Northants	39	16	7	16	77	75	39
Crystal P.	40	17	3	10	71	73	38
Aberdare	40	15	8	17	70	65	38
Watford	40	14	9	17	69	81	37
Norwich	40	15	7	18	55	70	37
Newport	40	14	8	18	50	70	36
Meghry	40	13	10	17	62	72	36
Brentford	39	15	5	19	64	85	35
Charlton	40	10	14	16	44	64	34
Bristol R.	40	14	6	20	63	64	34
Exeter	40	13	6	21	64	67	32
Q. P. R.	40	5	19	26	34	82	19

Division III (North).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	40	25	7	8	94	41	57
Grimsby	39	24	8	7	85	38	56
Rochdale	40	25	5	10	97	56	55
Chesham	40	24	5	11	94	51	53
Halifax	40	17	11	12	52	45	45
Nelson	40	16	11	13	86	64	43
Hartlepool	40	17	8	15	75	68	42
Doncaster	39	15	11	13	71	64	41
Ashington	40	15	11	14	67	56	41
Crewe	40	17	7	16	60	59	41
N. Brighton	40	17	7	16	60	59	41
Tranmere	40	18	5	17	66	78	41
Durham	39	16	6	17	58	65	38
Rotherham	40	16	6	18	64	90	38
Lincoln	40	16	5	19	61	79	37
Covenry	40	15	6	19	66	78	39
Wigan	40	12	11	17	65	89	35
Accrington	40	16	3	21	75	95	35
Wrexham	39	10	10	19	59	85	30
Southport	40	10	10	20	55	87	30
Walsall	40	10	6	24	57	103	26
Barrow	40	6	3	31	45	91	15

HOME SPORT DATES.

Football: F. A. Cup Final. Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers, at Wembley, April 24. Racing: Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket, April 28. One Thousand Guineas at Newmarket, April 30. Boxing: A. B. A. Championship at Albert Hall, April 28.

HOME TURF.

CITY AND SUBURBAN RESULTS.

BIG RACE AT EPSOM.

(Reuter's Service.)

The City and Suburban (1000 miles, run at Epsom today) resulted as follows:

Warden of the Marches, 1.
Sparus, 2.
Naldern, 3.
Tweeke man. Won by 2 lengths.
Length between second and third.
Starting prices: 100/15 against Warden of the Marches, 100/8 against Sparus, 100/15 against Naldern.

JACK DEMPSEY.

AGREEMENT TO FIGHT THIS YEAR.

LATEST DETAILS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Port Worth (Texas), April 21. Jack Dempsey has signed an agreement with Mr. Tex Rickard to defend his title of world's heavyweight boxing champion on September 16.

Mr. Rickard will select the opponent and venue.
It is understood that Dempsey will receive about \$450,000. It is generally expected that Gene Tunney will be his opponent.

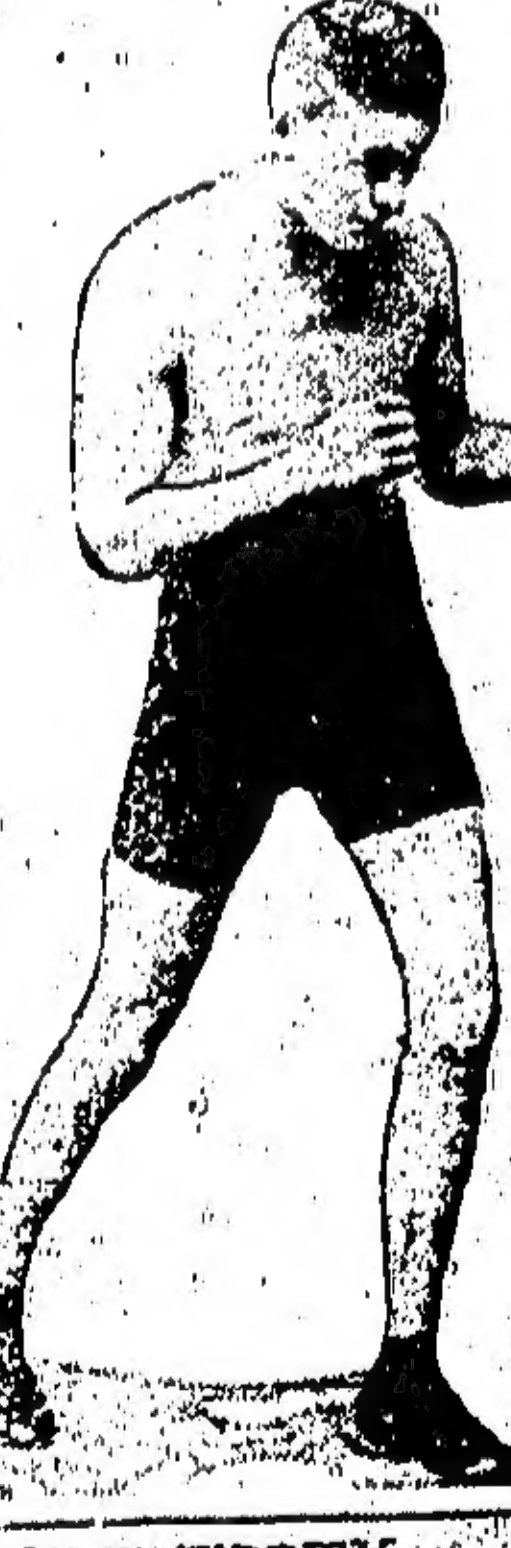
WILL THEY MEET?



Tex Rickard.



Jack Dempsey.



Gene Tunney.

Three leading lights in the boxing world who are referred to in a cable to-day, indicating that Jack Dempsey may at last agree to fight.

FANLING GOLF.

At Fanling last week-end, the Royal Hongkong Golf Club bogey pool was divided by Mr. A. H. Ferguson (handicap 2) and Mr. F. A. Redmond (handicap 10), who each returned a card of 1 up on the "colonel."

Next best were Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson (1 down) and Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (4 down).

H.K.C.C.

TEAMS SELECTED FOR SATURDAY.

THE TENNIS LEAGUE.

The following teams will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, 24th instant, at 4.15 p.m.:

"A" team versus U.S.R.C. on the U.S.R.C. ground: A. Brawley, A. B. Rayworth, G. W. Sewell, B. D. Lawrence, G. Miskin, and E. Grimbie.
"B" team versus U.S.R.C. "B" team on H.K.C.C. ground: W. A. Nowers, W. M. Lyons, H. F. Bloxham, E. J. R. Mitchell, L. M. S. Lloyd, and N. L. Raiton.
"C" team versus Kowloon Cricket Club on H.K.C.C. ground: N. C. Barber, E. A. Brodie, A. C. Howell, G. Rankin, W. L. Smith, and M. M. Watson.

SOCCER FINAL.

KOWLOON'S RECORD IN THE SHIELD.

WIN IN EXTRA TIME.

In a match full of incidents, the Kowloon Football Club played up to tradition yesterday when they won the Hongkong F. A. Challenge Shield (senior division) for the third time in four years, defeating the 1/2 East Surrey Regiment by the odd goal in five, after extra time.

The teams which turned out before a crowded stand were: Kowloon F. C.—Avery, Wheeler, Reid, Turner, Cavell, McKelvie, G. Duncan, Spary, Sims, Hayes, K. A. Mason.
1/2 East Surrey Regiment: Douglas, Cooper, Jordan, McGrenvy, Mitchell, Bristowe, Charlesworth, Chessman, Humberstone, Butler, Macklesworth.
Referee: Mr. Atkinson Limesmen: Messrs. Smith and Morfett.
At the conclusion Mr. G. T. May distributed the senior and junior trophies (shields to winners' cups to runners-up). Finalists' medals will be presented later, on arrival from home.

Sensational Start.
Within a minute of the start Mason gave Kowloon the lead; Duncan shot high and Douglas dropped the ball at Mason's foot, and the latter scored.
Humberstone beat Avery, but the point was disallowed, as the whistle had gone for an infringement, this being about a minute after the opening goal.
Then the Surrey equalised as Humberstone found the mark again, thanks to a header from Butler.

After a corner against Kowloon, Duncan passed to Hayes who obtained Kowloon's second goal. A penalty was given against Cavell. Cooper took the spot kick and the score became two-nil.

Excitement came after the interval. Cavell was again penalised. Cooper was again deputed to take the shot. He banged against the cross-bar; the ball rebounded to him and he kicked it over the bar. The referee pulled him up for playing the ball twice and play continued.
Kowloon also had a "goal" disallowed, as Hayes beat Douglas, but he was ruled offside.

Rain was now falling and the players found it hard to keep their feet, or the ball under control.

Full time arrived with the teams standing level. In the first ten minutes of extra time, Mason shot high and Douglas failed to hold the slippery ball, which dropped over and gave Kowloon the match. The Surrey exerted pressure but got no further than a few corners. There were exciting moments, but Kowloon kept the soldiers out. In running out, Avery once deflected the ball towards his own charge but McKelvie, who was "covering up" kicked it away.

Under the conditions prevailing, it was a worthy final to the competition.

ARMY BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB, LAST NIGHT.

Sgt. Johnson, R.A.S.C., defeated Lieut. F. N. Young, H.K.V.D.C., in an exhibition billiards match (400 up) by 80 points, at the Soldiers' Club last evening.

At the conclusion of the match, Major Drake, 1/2 East Surrey Regiment (President of the Garrison Recreation Club), in the absence through an attack of influenza of Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. (G.O.C. the Forces in China), presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up in the Soldiers' Club billiards competition, and also Army badges to the Army football players, 1925-26. The Royal Engineers billiards team received the silver cup as the winners of the competition, and also a small souvenir replica of the trophy. The Prison staff were presented with a replica cup as runners-up.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

LORD CECIL'S IMPORTANT DECLARATION.

DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 21. Viscount Cecil, who will represent Great Britain on the Commission of the League of Nations which will study the future constitution of the League Council, replied in the House of Lords to points raised, in connection with this matter, by Lord Charnwood and Lord Parmoor.

Viscount Cecil agreed that the Commission appointed by the League was not entirely an impartial one, being composed largely of representatives of the nations who were most hotly engaged at the meeting last March. It would have been desirable, he said, to have a perfectly impartial Commission.

Mistaken Idea.
It was a mistake to imagine that the necessity for such a Commission arose only out of the recent



difficulties at Geneva. There had been a very strong feeling for years in the League Assembly in regard to the method of constituting permanent members of the Council, and it had culminated in a definite resolution calling for a system of rotation.

He had no doubt at all that the Government would give him as its representative definite instructions. That was evident, in a matter of this importance, and naturally he would not like to go to the Commission unless he was satisfied that he was representing the views of his colleagues as well as his own.

Government's Policy.
The instructions given to Sir Austen Chamberlain when he went to Geneva seemed to answer many of the points raised. The Government had then laid it down that no change in the Council could be permitted which would have the effect of preventing or delaying the entry of Germany. That was still the policy of the Government. The Government also maintained the principle that only the great Powers should be permanent members of the Council.

Room for Free Discussion.
Otherwise the British representatives would go to the Commission free from any declaration made in the past on behalf of this country with reference to the membership of the Council. Although he would in many ways desire that his hands should be tied when he went to Geneva, there must be room for free discussion.

MOSLEMS CONFER.

INVITATION OF RULER OF HEDJAZ.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, April 21. After prolonged discussion, the Central Khalifat Committee has decided to accept the invitation of Ibn Saud, ruler of Hedjaz, to attend the World Moslem Conference at Hedjaz.

The Indian delegation will be headed by Said-Suleiman Naivdi and will include the A.I.F. brothers. The Committee discussed the recent Calcutta riots and general relations with Hindus, and it proposed to confer soon with Hindu leaders, but if an amicable settlement cannot be reached, the Committee proposed to launch a programme of self-defence of Moslems.

ITALY'S DEBT.

RATIFIED BY AMERICAN SENATE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 21. The Senate has ratified the Italian debt settlement by 84 votes to 33, a majority of 21.

winners of the competition, and also a small souvenir replica of the trophy. The Prison staff were presented with a replica cup as runners-up.

SUPER TUCHUNS.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST POLICY IN CHINA.

STRONG BOND.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 21. A leader devoted to "Super Tuchuns" Chang Tso-lin, and Wu Pei-fu in the "Times" says if they agreed upon a common anti-Bolshevik policy, that would be a strong bond between the two most powerful military chiefs in China, and might go far to avert or defer acute differences between them on other matters.

TOUR OF RUSSIA.

BRITISH MISSION QUITE UNOFFICIAL.

DEFINITE STATEMENT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 21. With reference to the party of four Conservative members of Parliament now visiting Russia, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that the party bore no official or semi-official character.

It was entrusted by the Government with no official mission. It was in no sense an official delegation, and none of its members had been charged with any diplomatic or other inquiries by the Foreign Office.

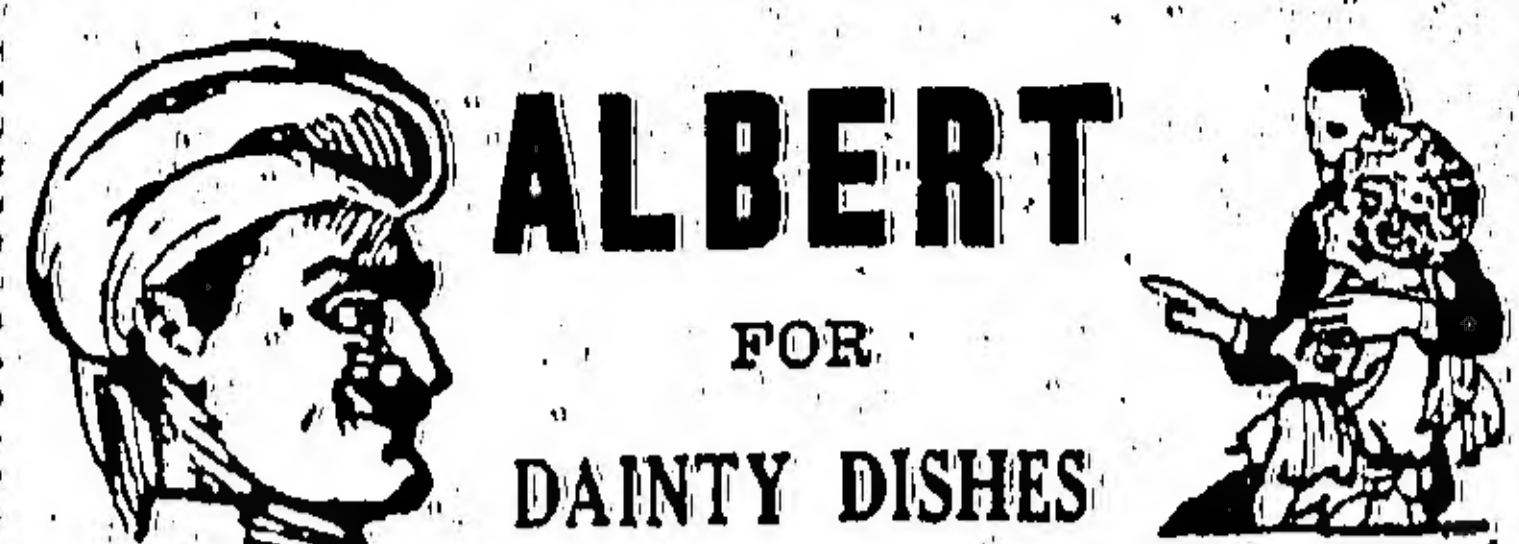
[A British wireless message published on Monday stated: For the first time since the Russian Revolution a party of Conservative Members of Parliament—Sir Frank Nelson (Stroud), Mr. Robert J. A. Boothby (East Aberdeenshire), Captain R. C. Bourne (Oxford City) and Colonel Sir N. J. Moore (Richmond)—is paying a visit to Russia. Agriculture, grain, coal, oil, and education are among the subjects that will engage the party's attention on its tour, which is unofficial. Those participating in the tour hope that relations with Russia will be improved as a result of their inquiry. Moscow, Baku, and Leningrad will be visited.]

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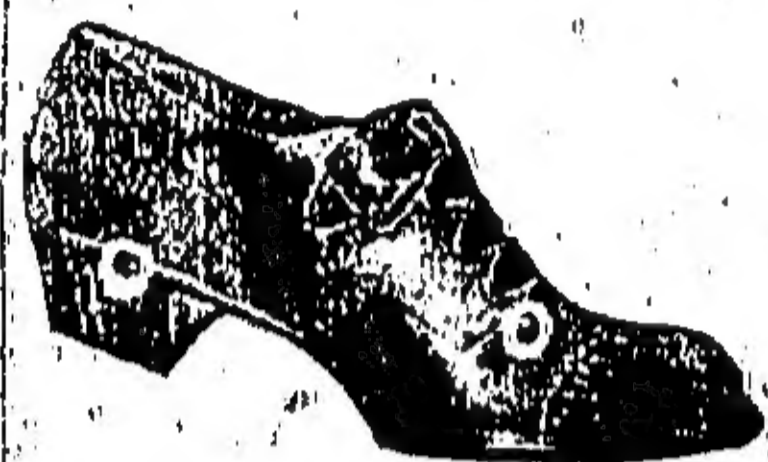
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CONVICT SHIP.

PAINFUL DETAILS OF IRON AGES.

Paris, April 1.
 Thorough precautions were taken to prevent curious sight-seers from witnessing the departure of the convict ship "Martinique" which is conveying to Devil's Island 340 criminals, together with a further 340, who will be picked up at Tanguet.

Nevertheless, the newspapers print painful details of iron cages in which the convicts are housed on board and the drastic measures taken to prevent trouble on the high seas.

At the moment of departure the police ejected cinematographers from the roof of a house, from which they were filming the tugs taking out the convicts to the "Martinique."

Subsequently a sailing vessel approached the ship, and the authorities detected on it the cinematographers whom they had previously ejected. Thereupon a motorboat was despatched to arrest the offenders, but the latter, with the aid of a wide stretch of canvas and a strong wind, eluded pursuit.—"Times of Ceylon."

COURT OF EQUITY.

LORD OLIVIER'S IMPERIAL SUGGESTION.

London, March 29.
 Lord Olivier writing on South African anti-Indian legislation in Thursday's issue of "Foreign Affairs," suggests the constitution of an Imperial Court of Equity, analogous to the International Court of the League, to take cognizance of complaints between Dominions, if against the rights of the subjects of any other.

Lord Olivier says this and similar cases would be suitable for such a Court authorized by Imperial Conferences.

Lord Olivier urges that all proceedings in the Areas Regulation Bill ought in decency to be suspended until the Conference meets in October, and that the British Government should intimate to the South African Government that, in view of special responsibility to India, it will advise the King to disallow the Bill if enacted without the appending clause.

FIGHTING LEPROSY.

GOOD PROGRESS IN WEST AFRICA.

London, March 29.
 At a meeting of the Executive of the Empire Leprosy Relief Association, Mr. Oldrieve reported that during the three months' West African tour, which had just concluded, he had had every encouragement from the Governors of Nigeria, Gold Coast and Sierra Leone, each of which Colonies was following the example of India in forming local branches.

He submitted to the Nigerian Government a memorandum making suggestions on the campaign to rid Nigeria of leprosy within a generation, though the incidence in North Nigeria was 3.2 per thousand of the population, which was ten times that of recorded Indian incidence.

HOME BY ELECTION.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE FORGETS DEPOSIT.

London, March 28.
 The Labour victory at the Bothwell by-election is ascribed to the strong feeling against reduction in the miners' wages suggested by the Coal Commission's report, as the constituency is a mining one.

The Liberal candidate forfeited his deposit.

The big drop in the Conservative poll is attributed to many Conservatives abstaining owing to Labour's strength.

The new member, Mr. Sullivan, once sat for North Lanarkshire where he was beaten at the last election by a Conservative, Col. Sprat.

PRICE OF PETROL.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL CO.'S CHARGES.

London, March 29.

Mr. Tom Williams (Labour), asked whether the Government, as large holders of capital in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, approved the increase of a penny per gallon in the price of petrol sold by the Company. Mr. McNeill replied: "No." He stated in reply to a supplementary question, that there was no Government interference with the commercial management of the Company.

ROYAL BETROTHAL?

BELGIAN PRINCESS AND ITALIAN CROWN PRINCE.

Rome, March 29.

The "Central News" states that the betrothal will shortly be announced between the Italian Crown Prince, Prince Humbert, and Princess Marie Jose, daughter of the King and Queen of Belgium.—"Times of Ceylon."

U.S. SCARE.

REPORTED CONCESSIONS BY MEXICO TO JAPAN.

Tokyo, March 30.

Regarding the United States seizure of reported concessions by Mexico to the Japanese of Magdalena Bay, the Spokesman in the Diet declares that Tokyo has no information on the subject.

He adds that Japan is not seeking concessions in Mexico, and if the Magdalena Bay report is correct it probably refers to the Californian Japanese who are seeking a home in Mexico because of the anti-Japanese feeling in California.

The official reference to Magdalena Bay contains a pious insinuation that the Japanese are seeking a possible naval base.

INDIAN DACOITS.

RUNNING FIGHT WITH POLICE FOR EIGHT MILES.

Calcutta, March 31.

Several notorious dacoit leaders of the Kandi Kalukhask Police Station area, who have been responsible for several dacoities in the Maubin, Insein and Hanthawaddy districts around Kattiya, and for whose capture rewards were offered, have been captured in exciting circumstances.

The men were captured after a running fight for some eight miles with two Sub-Inspectors of Police, two constables and some villagers, during which there was an exchange of shots.

EXPULSION!

FATE OF "TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

London, March 31.

The London "Times" Correspondent in Constantinople has been expelled by the Commissioner of National Defence, who alleges that he is sending false news calculated to arouse suspicion as to the tranquillity of the country.

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